

Pension Application for Moses Seers

S.43113

Private New York Line. Capt. Smith, Cortlandt's Regt.
State of New York SS.

To the Hon. Richard Riker

Recorder of the City of New York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of Moses Seers formerly a private soldier-engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New York, respectfully sheweth, That the said Moses Seers—sometime in the month of January 1781 Inlisted in Colo. Courtlandt's Regt, Cap'n Israel Smith's Company, Genl James Clinton's (1) Brigade, and was discharged in the month June 1783 having served the full period of his enlistment which was to the end of the war.

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said Moses Seers is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New York, and is, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support.

Therefore the said Moses Seers conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March, 1818, and requests your honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law, in such case made and provided. And in support of the fact above set forth, the said Moses Seers refers to Benjamin Rome, who served in the same Regt and Company

City and County of New York SS. Moses Seers of the City and County of New York, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true. (Signed with his mark) Moses Seers.

Sworn before me this second day of April 1818. R. Riker.

New York Mayor's Court.

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, held at the City Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of June term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Present the Honorable Peter Augustus Jay Esquire.

City of New York, SS. Be it remembered, that on the twenty eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city of New York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and county of New York, according to the charter of the said city and the laws of the state of New York, Moses Seers aged sixty three years, resident in the City of New York in the State of New York, United States of America who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that is to say, he enlisted as a private in the Continental Army for during the war in a company of Infantry in the Continental Army for during the war in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Harry Dubois (2) in the second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel VanCalloundt at Pompton in the State of New Jersey about the middle of January 1782, having entered at Pompton the Regiment proceeded to VerPlank's Point from thence to West Point where the Regiment lay about two months, from thence the Regiment went to a place called Snake Hill where they wintered in huts, in the spring they went to White Plains from thence to Snake Hill again when in June 1783 the Regiment was disbanded and where deponent received his honorable discharge having served his country the whole of the period from the time of his enlistment to the end of the war being for seventeen months.

Deponent was transferred he thinks in the summer of 1782 into Israel Smith's (3) company, Third New York Regiment(4) in which he was when he was discharged, and received his honorable discharge which has been lost some how or other—deponent has received a pension since the second day of April 1818 and that his original declaration is dated the second day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 957. (Signed with his mark) Moses Seers.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit:

Real Estate—None.

Personal Estate. None (necessary clothing excepted)

Declarant has no wife, no family residing with him—no children—Declarant is a mason by trade, but cannot work at his trade in consequence of being lame and very much afflicted with the Rheumatism. He has no occupation at present he has six children, Ann Minikhouse, aged thirty one, is supported by her husband, Phobe Minikhouse, aged twenty eight years, she is supported by her husband, Hester Millan aged twenty five years, she is also supported by her husband, Betsey Seers unmarried aged twenty three years, who is in Canada, she also supports herself, Moses Seers is an apprentice aged 19 years he is supported by his master. Mary Ann Seers aged 12 years she at present lives with her sister none of deponents children are able to contribute any thing towards deponents support, he is afflicted with the Rheumatism & is not attended by the doctor in consequence of broken ribs—he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country except by private or public charity—he at present stays at the alms house where he has been eight months. (Signed with his mark) Moses Seers.

Sworn this 28th June 1820 in open court. Benj Ferris Clk.

End Notes—S.43113—Moses Seers (Sears, Sayers, etc.)

1. Brigadier General James Clinton.
2. Moses enlisted as a private for during war on January 23, 1782, in Captain Henry DuBois' Company in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 23, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Israel Smith was the Captain of the fifth company in Colonel VanCortlandt's Regiment. Moses is on Captain Smith's 1783 Muster Rolls. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 32, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Moses is in error as the Third New York Continental Regiment was consolidated with the First New York Continental Regiment on January 1, 1781. After this date the Third New York ceased to exist.