

### **Pension Application for William Seymour**

W.19,012 (Widow: Sarah)

Private in the Conn. Line, Captain Austin, Col. Farrell

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838, entitled and act granting pay and pension to certain widows.

State of New York

Chautaugua County SS.

On this tenth day of July A.D. 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned, Francis H. Ruggles, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Chautauqua aforesaid (the said Court being a Court of Record having a Seal & Clerk.) Sarah Seymour, a resident of the town of Pomfret in said County of Chautauqua aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": That she is the widow of William Seymour deceased who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, and enlisted at New Hartford in the State of Connecticut, as she has been repeatedly informed by her said husband while living and verily believes, and marched for Horse Neck on the North on Hudson River, where he served, and at different places on said river, and at Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain. But this deponent is unable from age and want of memory, to state how long her said husband served, at which other places particularly, under what company or field officers he served or when or where he was discharged from service, or in what battles he was engaged, or what country he passed through on his march to different places while he was in said service.

This Declarant further saith that her late husband, William Seymour, some time between the years 1830 and 1833, as near as she can now recollect, and while he lived at Stillwater in the County of Saratoga, N.York, received from the War Department of the United States a certificate of Pension under which he received a Pension (as near as this Declarant can now recollect) of fifty eight dollars and twenty cents per annum for some three or four years while residing in Stillwater aforesaid, and for about five years while residing in Pomfret aforesaid, to which place he removed with his family from Stillwater aforesaid in May 1830.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Seymour at Stillwater aforesaid on the twentieth day of March in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three (March 20, 1783) by Rev. Robert Campbell the settled pastor of the Congregational Church at Stillwater aforesaid, that she has no record or Documentary Evidence of such marriage in her possession or within her knowledge, except a loose slip of paper in her said husband's handwriting found among his papers since his death on which our marriage is stated to be been celebrated at that time. This declarant distinctly recollects that Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery now residing at Stillwater aforesaid, was one of the number present at our said marriage, but she knows of no other person now living who was present at said marriage. This declarant further said that her husband, the aforesaid William Seymour died on the twenty second day of December in the year eighteen hundred and forty one (Dec. 22, 1841) at Pomfret in the County of Chautauqua aforesaid, and that she, this declarant, has not been married since her said husband's death, but still remains a widow.

This Declarant further saith, that after her said husband's death and in the spring of the year 1842, she applied for and received from the pension office in Albany, N.Y. the arrears of her said husband's Pension from September 4, 1841 to December 22, 1841 (the day on which her said husband died) begin about the sum of seventeen dollars, when she surrendered up to the Pension Office in Albany the Certificate of her said husband's pension, with the power of Attorney to draw the said arrears of Pension.

This declarant further saith that she was not married to her said husband, prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz: at the time and place above stated.

This declarant further saith that she is unable from age and consequent bodily infirmity to attend the sittings and appear in any of the Courts of Record in said County of Chautauqua, living as she does 23 miles from Mayville, the County seat where all such courts for said County are held. (Signed) Sarah Seymour

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Francis H. Ruggles, Judge &c.

State of New York  
Saratoga County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of [our] Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Chancery now sitting at Saratoga [?] William Seymour a resident of Stillwater in the county of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He was born in the town of New Hartford in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut November 15<sup>th</sup> 1754. The record of his age is in the town Clerk's office of the said town of New Hartford.

He is known to Ebenezer Cheever & Jesse Warren & Elias Palmer of the town of Stillwater in the county of Saratoga and State of New York who can certify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he resided at the town of New Hartford in the county of Lichfield and State of Connecticut where he resided until the year 1778 he removed to Caanan in the same county & continued there about one year when he removed to the now town of Stillwater (then Saratoga District) and county of Albany now Stillwater in the County of Saratoga and State of New York where he has resided ever since and where he now resides.

That he resided in the town of New Hartford in the County of Lichfield and State of Connecticut when he enlisted and entered into the service of the Revolution into the company commanded by Capt. Aaron Austin in the regiment commanded by Col. Burrell of the State Troops. [The deposition ends here, the papers probably got shuffled.]

The following is part of a letter included in the folder.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.19012, it appears that William Seymour was born November 15, 1754 at New Hartford, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

While residing at said place, he enlisted March 1, 1776 and served eight months as a private in Captain Aaron Austin's Company, Colonel Burrall's Connecticut Regiment; enlisted in April 1777 and served one month and twelve days as a fifer in Captain John Strong's Connecticut Company, was AT Danbury when it was burned; while residing at Canaan, Connecticut, enlisted in August 1778 and served one month and twelve days as a private in Captain Nehemiah Lawrence's Connecticut Company.

While residing in Stillwater, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1780 and served at various times as a private until the fall of 1782 or 1783 in Captain John Thompson's Company, Colonel John McCrea's New York Regiment, amounting in all to seven months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1832, at which time he was living at Stillwater, New York, Sarah Patrick, who was born October 24, 1765.

She was allowed pension on her application executed July 10, 1843, while living at Pomfret, Connecticut. [This is an error, Pomfret is in Chautauqua County, State of New York.]

The soldier married March 20, 1783 at Stillwater, New York, Sarah Patrick, who was born October 24, 1765.

She was allowed pension on her application executed July 10, 1843, while living at Pomfret, Connecticut.

Their children were—

William, Junior born June 28, 1783

Betsy born August 9, 1785

Jesse born February 6, 1787

Sarah born February 21, 1790

Erastus born June 5, 1791

John born November 15, 1792