

Pension Application for Peleg Sisson

W.2361 (Widow: Clarissa)

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Private & Sergeant, Captain Salsbury, Colonel VanNess

State of New York

Orleans County SS.

On this twenty third day of August (1832), personally appeared in open court before Addison Gardner, William James and Abraham Cantin; the Court of Oyer and Terminer, now sitting Peleg Sisson a resident of the town of Murray in the County of Orleans & State of New York aged (78) years who being first duly sworn according to law, doath on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

That early in the Spring of (1776) in the month of [?] April as he thinks he volunteered his services as a soldier in Captain John Salisbury's Company of Infantry was enrolled and equipped immediately and prepared to march at a minutes warning [?] We were then called minute men and were obliged to go at all times. When there was an alarm from the British, Indians, or Tories or when called upon by any of the officers in the Regiment his Lieutenants name he thinks was James Phelps, the company was attached and commanded by Colonel Peter Van Ness, and Lieut Colonel Stephen Hogebooms Regiment, soon after he was enrolled in his company he was called out and marched or went by water down the Hudson River to Esopus to assist in guarding a number of prisoners who were Tories and who had been taken in and about Claverack, or Livingston's Manor & Albany on his return he was again immediately called out with a part of the company and marched to Albany for the purpose of deterring & guarding against the machinations and depredations of the Tories. He was at Albany about two months and was commanded by Col. Peter VanNess, Lieut. Col. Stephen Hogeboom and Capt. Cornelius Hogeboom from Albany he returned home to Claverack and was immediately again called out and marched to Johnstown on an expedition against the British Indians and tories at this time the whole company marched. It was commanded by Capt. Salisbury and the other officers were the same as mentioned before after affecting the object of the expedition which was to drive the Indians back disperse or tak[e] the Tories prisoners he returned home to Claverack, he was gone about one month on this expedition—the time he was in actual service this year on those several expeditions was taken in the aggregate nine months including the time taken up in going from and returning home and making [?]

In the spring of the year of our lord or in June (1777) he gain was called out and entered the service in Capt. Cornelius Hogebooms Company and Lieut Benjamin Allen which was again under the command of Col. Peter VanNess and Col. Stephen Hogeboom under General Phillip Schuyler and marched against the British Army commanded by General Burgoyne –he was with the American Army when the British invaded the State of New York at the north and shared in the retreat before General Burgoyne under General Schuyler – he was in the several engagements with the British Army under Burgoyne after General Gates took the command of the American Army until the Capitulation and final surrender of that army, except the Battle at Bennington. He says he always served in the Militia. He remained with the American Troops after the Surrender of Burgoyne's Army until in the Autumn and then returned home.

He further says that when he entered the service of the United States he lived in the Town of Claverack in the County of Albany and State of New York—that he entered the service in the spring of (1776) and would have been 22 years of age on the 22nd day of May following and that he was born in the town of Dartmouth in the province of Massachusetts Bay on the 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord (1754) [?] Dutchess County and from that placed moved in to the said Town of Claverack where he entered the service as aforesaid he says that the officers of the army with whom he was acquainted

when in the service was Generals Horatio Gates, Phillip Schuyler, Benedict Arnold, the Traitor and General Poor & Shephaer, Major Allen of Rhode Island and General St. Clair.

He also says that when he entered the service it was as one of the volunteers to stand as a minute man and to be ready equipped and prepared at any moment to march when called upon by any of the officers of the army that he remained in the said Regiment Subject to such orders three years and six months that the whole time that he was in actual service was one year & three months. He never Rec'd any written discharge.

And he further says he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that he does not now nor never has nor neither has he ever made any application whatever for any pension or annuity except the present from any state nor from the United States or at the War Department nor neither is his name on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state except this he now presents to the War Department and he further says that he has become do decrepid and worn out with hard service hard labour and old age that he is unable to perform much of any labour and can scarcely take care of himself. (Signed) Peleg Sisson.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 23d day of August A.D. 1832. A.B. Mills, Clerk of said Court.