

## Pension Application for Samuel Spalding

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State of New York  
Schoharie County SS.

On this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common Pleas of said county now sitting, Samuel Spaling [Spalding] a resident of the Town of Fulton in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, aged seventy six years and seven months, who being first 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of May 1776, according to the best of his recollection, he was ordered in to the service of the Revolutionary War, to appear at a place in the town of Claverack now in the county of Columbia and join Captain Isaiah Grauss company of Militia in Colon. Peter Van Ness's regiment he accordingly joined the company at Claverack aforesaid where he then resided and marched with the company up to the city of Albany, they stayed there till they were discharged, was in the service at time about three weeks he thinks.

He returned home to Claverack aforesaid, and in the month of August of the same year he entered the service again as a volunteer into Captain Spencer's company in Col. VanDyck's regiment, he went to Fort George and joined the company there, he went to supply the place of a brother of his who had deserted, and he remained in the service in the same company & regiment for three months and a few days over. That they were a part of the time at Fort George and a part of the time at Ford Edward that he was discharged at Fort Edward.

That in the year 1777 he again was called in to the service in Captain John McKinstry's company in Colonel Livingston's regiment at the town of [?] aforesaid, he joined the company sometime, he thinks in the month of August, that they marched to VanSchaick's Island in the mouth of the Mohawk River, that when they came there the army lay there and had been there a few days, it was under the command at that time of General Gates, General Schuyler had gone to Albany at the time he was on the Island. Thinks they stayed at the Island a few weeks but can't say how many and they marched to Stillwater, with the Army and stayed at the old fort At that place a few days and then went two miles up the river and began to make breast works a short distance from the Hudson River on the west bank. They lay there till Burgoyne wet them there and the two Armies had an engagement, it was the first battle they had, there had been some skirmishing between them before that time, but of no great consequence. That about three weeks afterwards the two Armies met again & an rather severe battle was had between the two Armies and it lasted till dark, that the British retreated after the battle but he thinks that they kept their ground till the next night they then went to Moris hill & from there to Saratoga—That they followed them but not the next day for he thinks it rained, but the third day after the battle they overtook them at Sarratoga & that the day after some Artillery firing was kept up between them, that there was no firing after that day that took place.

But Burgoyne some days after surrendered prisoner of War. After this they marched to Albany that is the regiment he belonged to he thinks were there—that the company went to Kingston which was burnt while they were at Sarratoga or in that quarter, that when they got there or shortly after he was taken unwell and was discharged there in about a week from the time they came there and according to the best of his recollection, when he got home his three months served had expired within three or four days, that the rest of the company got home in three or four days after.

That after this he went into the town of Springham in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts to work some land his father owned and that while there he entered the service of the

United States again in the militia as a substitute for one Samuel Laid for three months in Captain Carson's company does not recollect the Colonel's name he joined the company at the town of New Marlborough in the county of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts, thinks it was about the first [of] September or last of August thinks it was in the year 1778. That they marched from New Marlborough to Claverack then County of Albany and State of New York. Stated there a few days and went back home remained about two or three days and then marched to Albany had been there four or five weeks and was taken sick and sent to the hospital and he remained in the hospital sick till after the regiment was discharged.

That he was once in Captain Joseph Tanner's company in Col. VanNess's regiment he entered the company at Claverack they were called out but for no definite time, they went to Albany and Schenectady and then discharged. Was in the service at that time about a month he thinks, but cannot remember the year, it was at a time when the Indians were said to be coming down from Canada or that way, that it was in the fall but the year he is not certain about thinks it was 1778 or 1779, went by water to West Point or rather to Fishkill first and then to West Point had been there but a short time before he was transferred to Captain Bleeker's company in Colonel Cortland's regiment they marched from there to Stonny Point that he belonged to the Infantry, there was about 3000 thinks they were under the command of General LaFayette, & Brigadier General Hand that they lay about two miles below the grand Army they were some of the time in New Jersey state that there was no battle while he was there that while he was there Maj. Andrew [Andre] was Hanged. That they were discharged at Stonny Point General LaFayette was commander in chief of the division he was in which was the light infantry 2 Brigades General Washington was there but can't say how long. General Green was there a part if not all the time, was discharged some time late in November at [sentence ends here]

That he was called into the service at two other times over in Captain Joshua Whitney's Company he found the company at Claverack, now Columbia County State of New York in the spring but does not remember the year that they marched from there to Albany & from there to Sarratoga was in the service at that time about a month was discharged at Sarratoga.

Was again in the service in the fall of the same year, he thinks for one month in Captain Joseph Tanner's company joined the company at Claverack and marched to Sarratoga was in the service about a month and was discharged there.

1. To the 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatories of the court he answers, was born in Cornwall? in the County of Litchfield State of Connecticut on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1765.
2. Has no record of his [age].
3. When he was firstly called in to the service he resided in the town of Claverack now in the county of Columbia and State of New York and he resided there, excepting one or two years he lived in the State of Massachusetts, till about 27 or 28 years ago when he moved into the town of Middlebergh (now Fulton) in the County of Schoharie where he has lived ever since and now lives.
4. He was ordered into the service as before stated, in his declaration and went as a substitute once or twice.
5. When he was in the service at Sarratoga General Gates was there at the taking of Burgoyne, General Arnold &c.
6. Had no written discharge at any [end of sentence]
7. He is acquainted with Archibald Lamont and David Clark, Eben G. Foster & others who he thinks can testify as to his character for veracity and their believe of his service as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark)  
Samuel Spalding

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard, Jr. Clerk