

Pension Application for Michael Spicer

W.25067 (Widow: Sarah. She was 76 in 1844 when she applied for her husband's pension. Married November 25, 1792 in Amenia, NY. Michael died April 12, 1842.)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York
County of Essex SS.

On this fourteenth day of June 1835, personally appeared before me, Joseph L. Weed, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Essex aforesaid Michael Spicer a resident of the Town of Ticonderoga, County & State aforesaid aged sixty seven years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers & served as herein stated. His officers were as follows: Col. Marinus Willet, his Major a part of the time was ____ Wait & a part of the time was ____ Scott, his first Capt. was Guy Young 2d Pierce, and afterwards it was Simeon Newell, his Lieutenant was Bingham his commissary was ____ Smith & his adjutant was ____ Fonda. No other officers recollected excepting a person who was said to be Lord Sterling, came to input them at Fort Plain NY. He entered the service in the Revolutionary War & the United States in the forepart of April 1782, left the same the fore part of January 1783 (following)—he resided at that time (April 1782) in the town of Philipstown as it was then called now called Nassau Rensselaer County NY. The manner he entered the service was this—every 20 men in that part of the country engaged voluntarily or were bound (as he was informed) to furnish that reason & was—his father engaged for his 20 men to permit the requisite one—he send this applicant, his [?] this applied [?] understood also that the time for which the war was finished was 9 months—this applicant indeed served the full term of 9 months as a private & served on duty the whole time—he went from his residence to Albany NY there mustered & was then immediately sent to Schenectady NY about 16 miles & there joined the company under the command of Capt. Guy Young, his first Capt. above named--& after about 3 weeks, time he was shifted into Capt. Pierce company who was 2d capt above named he was shifted on this march from Schenectady & the Mohawk River at Schoharie Creek—he exchanged companies with another man—that he this applicant might be in the same company with another brother—he his brother were desirous of being in the same company they made known their desires to their respective captains and had consideration on the subject & permitted this applicant to make the exchange as above stated—from Schoharie Creek they married to Johnstown NY, stayed there some considerable time how long does not recollect—here Capt. Pierce joined the regular troops & this applicant with others was sent to Herkimer's home which was built of brick & was fortified at which place he joined Capt. Simeon Newell's Company who was his 3d Capt. as above stated who belonged to the regular troops as this applicant was informed but he did not know the fact—he marched or was sent from Herkimer's home up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer on the German Flats where he remained the rest of his term—except about 3 weeks in which he went down the said river to what was called Fort Plain about 20 miles from Fort Herkimer—after his returned he was kept on duty at Fort Herkimer & at Fort Dayton on the opposite side of the river about 2 miles from Fort Herkimer where he kept a Picket guard—he was discharged at this place but received no written discharge, he was on duty the whole 9 months, either in field or garrison or on guard, he was in no battles—a part of the time he was at German Flats Colonel Reid's Regiment was there which he understood belonged to the regular troops—he recollects no other regular officers regiments or companies than those he has mentioned.

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person who can testify to his services—he was born in the year 1766 at the place called the Great Nine Partners, in Dutchess County, NY.

Since the Revolutionary War he has resided for some years in a no. of different places a short time in a place—he resided ten years in Greenville NY, he moved from that place to Ticonderoga NY where he has resided for the last 31 years.

He has a record of his age at home. He is well known to Joseph Weed, McLuneton, W. Estin, & Richard D. Arthur who reside in his present neighborhood & can testify to his character for truth & veracity & to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He cannot from bodily infirmity attend court to make this declaration.

Interrogatory.

1. He was born in the year 1766 at Great Nine Partners Dutchess County NY.
2. He has a record of his age at home.
3. He was living when called into service in Philipstown now Nassau NY Rensselaer County – since the war he has lived in various places a short time in a place, for 10 years in Greenville NY & for the last 31 years in Ticonderoga aforesaid.
4. See the above declaration at the bottom of first page.
5. Colonel Reid & his regiment -- in declaration.
6. He never received a written discharge.
7. He never received a commission.
8. He is known to Joseph Weed, Richard D. Arthur Esqr, & Mr. McLuneton, W. Estin.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Michael Spicer.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid before me. Joseph S. Weed, a Judge of Essex County Common Pleas.