

Pension Application for Andrew Sprague

W.19083 (Widow Susannah) Married September 20, 1886. Andrew died May 7, 1841.

State of New York

County of Wyoming SS.

On this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared before me Alonzo B. Rose a Judge of the Wyoming County Courts Susannah Sprague a resident of the Town of Castile in the said County of Wyoming aged seventy six years and upwards, 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, 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Andrew Sprague who was a private soldier and a commissary in the revolutionary war; that the said Andrew Sprague was a pensioner and drew a pension under the Act of 1832 as a private soldier and commissary as this declarant now believes for forty one dollars per year, that she has no documentary or other proofs of the services of her said husband, but relies on the proofs and records now in the war department at Washington to substantiate her claim. She further declares that she was married to the said Andrew Sprague on the twentieth day of September in the year seventeen hundred eighty six at the town of Stilwater in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York, that she has no record of her marriage but that her brother Nathan Sheffield who is still alive, and resides in the Town of Scipio in the County of Cayuga and State of New York was present and saw her married. That her said husband the aforesaid Andrew Sprague, died on the seventh day of May in the year eighteen hundred and forty one, at the town of Galway in the County of Saratoga and State of New York.

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January Seventeen hundred ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

And she further declares that she has not since intermarried and that she is now a widow.
(Signed with her mark) Susannah Sprague

Subscribed and sworn on the day and year above written before me. Alonzo B. Rose. A Judge of Wyoming County Courts.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Be it remembered that on this twenty fifth day of September eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Daniel Mosely Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit at a Court Chancery sitting at Onondaga, Andrew Sprague a resident of Clay in the County of Onondaga & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he is seventy nine years of age that he was born in the State of Rhode Island in the Town of Glocester [Gloucester] in the year 1753 and that he entered the service of the United States as herein stated under the following named officers the last of July 1775; and that he then enlisted in Capt. Samuel Logan's company of Minute Men in Ulster County, where he served three months, and was discharged at New Windsor on the first of November. On the 27th of July 1776 he again enlisted in Capt. Thomas Moffat Company in Col. Isaac Nichols Regt of Orange County Levies for five months—marched with Lieut Brewster from Blooming Grove to West Chester—there mustered and joined the Regiment—was on the sick list about one month and sent home on furlough before the Battle at White Plains. Received no written discharged [sic] at this time.—

In March 1777, in rotation, did one months duty in Capt. Falkner's Company in the Regiment of Col. Cantine's for the State of New Jersey. After doing one months duty, the col. gave them a verbal dismissal.

On the last of July 1777 being out on alarm at Fort Montgomery, he enlisted as a substitute for David Uberry in Capt. James Humphrey Company of nine months men where he did Quarter Master Sergeant's Duty in Col. Allison's Regiment—Soon after which and in the same tour of duty, he received a Col. Warrants and did Quarter Master duty at Fort Clinton and was there in the Battle on the Sixth of October and Narrowly escaped at night lay on the mountain till next day when he returned home, and as soon as the British sailed up the River, we were rallied and annexed to. Dubois's Regt. in company with Col. Webb Regt, and then marched for Kingston, the enemy arriving before us and set fire to the town. We then turned aside to Marletown – next day marched to Hurley, where we lay over time outs, and then the Regt returned to New Windsor where it was discharged on the 31st of October—Had no written discharge at this time. In June and July 1778 did Quarter Master's duty in Col. Hathorn Regt on West Point, (then called Fort Arads?) Staid there one month under his warrant.

In the summer of 1778 was classed in Col. McClaghry Regt, where he served by tours in Capt. William Tilford's Company on the Frontiers—He was classed for three months but did not duty till October, when he served one month.

He farther states that he had personal acquaintance with the following named officers—Gen. James Clinton, Col. Dubois, Col. Ch[blot], Capt. Moody of the Artillery and Capt. Markan of the same, and with under officers more than he can name when he lay in Cantonment back of New Windsor. He farther states that the written testimony in support of his declaration with a certificate of Character and standing here are now on file in the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, previously sent with his petition to Congress. That he has lived principally in Saratoga County in the town of Saratoga Springs, will seven years ago. Since then he has lived in the town of Clay in Onondaga County and he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Andrew Sprague

Subscribed & Sworn to this 25th day of Sept 1932. Daniel Moseley. Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor