

### Pension Application for Matthias Staley

S.23440 Heirs Henry Staley and Fanny Benjamin.

State of New York

County of Schoharie SS.

On this eight day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Marvin Judd one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county Matthias Staley a resident of the Town of Blenheim in the County of Schoharie & State of New York aged ninety five 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he resided in the Town of Schenectady now County of Schenectady – when he entered the service of the United States—was drafted & served three months under Captain Minard Wemple went to Fort Stanwix was in Col. Cortland's Regiment –was discharged at Schenectady—this was in 1776 was Call'd upon two or three times same year on account of alarms of Tories & Indians served this year about six months, in 1777 entered & served under Capt. Thomas Warson three months was at the taking of Burgoyne was discharged at Albany, thinks some year volunteered [?] to go against the Indians & Tories along the Mohawk & into Schoharie—was in service about five months this year in 1778 enlisted for six month & served in the Batteaux service on the North River was discharged at Albany. In 1779 was drafted & marched to Stone Arabia under Lieut John Thornton, [can't read 4 words] lay there at the fort one month was absent six weeks—volunteered in winter & went to Ticonderoga & brought away some [?] absent two weeks. That he after volunteered on expeditions against the Indians & Tories. That his memory fails him in [?] all the periods of service & the particulars—that he was engaged in the service in various ways one half of the time for near [?] to the close of the Revolutionary War. That he was born in Hunterdon County New Jersey in the year 1737 that he resided in Schenectady when he entered the service—has lived there & in Duanesburgh since the Revolutionary War & for the last twenty eight years in the Town of Blenheim Schoharie County was acquainted with Col. Schuyler & Col. Cortland that Jonathan Benjamin, N.P. Tyler, Calta Reid, John Wyckoff, Benjamin Frazer, Tomis Rappleye, living in the neighborhood where I now reside can testify, as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services, as s soldier of the Revolution. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person except his son Henry whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That 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 with his mark) Matthias Staley. Witness. E. VanHorne

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Marvin Judd, a Judge of Schoharie County.