

Pension Application for John Stalker

S.19478

State of Vermont

Franklin County SS.

On this 13th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probate, now sitting, John Stalker a resident of St. Armand, L.C. in the county of Bedford in Province of L.C. age 76 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 of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

The applicant states that on or about the 10th day of June 1778, at Claverack, N. York, his place of residence, he enlisted for one year, under one Lawrence Funda and marched from Claverack to a place called Kings bridge on the Hudson River, and there joined a Regt commanded by Major Fink or Frink (does not recollect the name of the Col. or no of the Regt) and served under Capt. John Marchal, 1st Lieut Bartholomew Hendrix, 2nd Lieut Ambros Spencer (believes) his Ensign's name was Leonard, was stationed at Kings-bridge a short time and from thence to a place call[ed] Robinsons' farms. There a short time and then moved back to Kingsbridge where the Regt stayed ten or twelve days, and then moved up the Hudson to Croton River where the troops lay about one month (as near as he can recollect) march[ed] from thence to Kings Ferry and there cross'd the Hudson marched to Tappan, where they were stationed until the month of November, marched to West Point and from thence to New Windsor and there cross'd the river and march'd to Poughkeepsie where the[y] stayed until spring from thence back to Kingsbridge and there stationed until his time expired, when he was discharged.

Again in the month of April 1781 at Claverack NY, he enlisted for nine months as a corporal & march'd from thence to Albany where he was mustered and joined & served under Capt. James, McKeen, Lieuts Kennon or Cannon and Peter Loop in Col. Marinus Willet and Adjutant Jillis Funen's Regt., marched from Albany to Schenectady there [?] two battalions with provisions and from thence proceeded by water up the Mohawk to Fort Hunter and from thence to Johnstown and from thence to Fort Plain where we relieved Capt. Pells Company of (he believes) Continental Troops who had been stationed at Johnstown. From Fort Plain to Fort Herkimer where they were stationed four months and thirteen days guarding and scouting marched from Fort Herkimer to Fort Plain where they were stationed until December.

While at Fort Plain they were attacked by a party of British and Indians commanded by Col. Butler [Walter Butler was a captain] and Major Ross. They were engaged by Col. Willet's Regt and pursued to Canada Creek in which engagement Col. Butler was killed by the name of an Indian by the bane of Lewey who had the command of the American Indians. In this engagement Capt. McKean was killed, the company was afterward commanded by Lieut Kennon til the close of the campaign. From Fort Plain the troops moved to Fort Hunter where they remained till January when they were discharged on or about 20th of the month according to my recollection having served nine months the term of time for which he engaged as a corporal.

The applicant further states that he was born Claverack N. York on the 14th day of August 1757 and has a record of his age in his family Bible. Resided in Claverack when he was call'd into service where he resided about twenty years after the close of the Revolutionary War and then remained to St. Armand L.C. where he now resides.

Was called into service as before stated in the declaration.

Became acquainted while in the Army with the following named officers (viz)—Major Fink or Finck, Capt. Rensselaer, Capt. John Marschal, Lieut Bartholomew Hendrix, 2nd Lieut Ambros Spencer, Capt. James Mc Keane, Lieuts Peter Loop & James Cannon, Adjt Jellis Funda, Capt. Putman & Lieut

Putnam, Captain Solomon Woodward & Capt. Pell the last named he believed belonged to the Continental Army.

Never received any written discharge.

He is acquainted with the following named persons to whom he is personally known who reside in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Viz Samuel Maynerd Esqr, William Baker, John Baker Esqr, George Freligh Esqr, William Whiteman, Doct A. Dekeman, Anthony Rhodes, Joseph H. Munson, Joseph Burley, and the Rev. James. Read.

He hereby relinquishes ever 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. The applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person (except the enclosed, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. (Signed) John Stalker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year afores'd. Aaron S. Beeman Clerk of the Court of Probate.

Letter in folder dated May 25, 1934, written in reply to a query.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of a soldier with surname Stolicker or Stolliker who applied for pension about 1832 while living in Vermont or in Lower Canada.

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched and the record of one John Stalker found in whom you may be interested, and is given herein as shown in the papers on file in pension claim, S.19478, based upon his service in the Revolution; his name is not show as Stolicker or Stolliker.

John Stalker was born August 14, 1757, in Claverack, New York; the names of his parents are not stated.

While residing in Claverack, New York, he enlisted about June 10, 1778, and served as private in Captain Marshall's New York Company under Major Fink, length of service one year. He enlisted early in April 1781, served as corporal in Captain McKean's company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment, was in an engagement at Turlock near Fort Plain and was discharged about January 20, 1782.

The soldier resided in Claverack, New York, for about twenty years after the Revolutionary War, then moved to Saint Armand, Bedford County, Province of Lower Canada. In 1833 he was a resident of Stanbridge, Bedford County, Province of Lower Canada.

John Stalker was allowed pension on his application executed March 13, 1834, while a resident of saint Armand, Bedford County, Province of Lower Canada. He name was placed on the pension rolls of the Vermont Agency.

There is no family data in the claim.