

Pension Application for Peter Stall

R.10039

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 16th day of March 1837 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Abraham Mornell, Samuel A. Gilbert, David F. Sacia, John Hand and Henry J. Diefendorf, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas (being a court of record) now sitting Peter Stall a resident of the town of Ephratah in the County of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy four years and ten 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated viz, that in the forepart of the month of October in the year 1777, he this applicant being then in the sixteenth year of his age and residing in the now town of Schodack (the New Bethlehem) County of Rensselaer and State of New York) entered the service of the United States by volunteering into the company of Militia by Captain Nicholas Staats in Colonel Killian VanRensselaer's Regiment and marched from Schodack through the town of Greenbush, Troy and Lansingburgh to Half Moon Point, when he was discharged and again returned home having been absent and on duty one week the object and destination of the service above stated was to have rendered assistance in the battle at Saratoga which ended by the capture of General Burgoyne but on their arrival at half moon as aforesaid they received the news of the event of the battle and were discharged as before resided that in the year 1778 this applicant was again ordered and marched by and with the same officers from his residence at Schodack through the town of Greenbush to Albany where the destitute of the detachment was supplied with arms and from thence through the town of Stillwater to Schuyler's Fort in the County of Saratoga where he did garrison duty with an embodied corps three months when the detachment was discharged and applicant again returned to his home, if his memory serves him this tour was in the fall of the year—

That in the fall of the year 1779 this applicant was again ordered into the service of the United States by the aforesaid Captain Staats who marched with his company leaving this applicant to follow them which he did in a few days. That when he arrived at Bemis Heights (so called) he this applicant learned that his company had gone up the Mohawk River and he joined the company of Captain Woodworth in Colonel Beekman's Regiment and continued in actual service under the said Captain Woodworth to the best of his recollection more than two weeks, being late in the fall when he was discharged. That in the month of April or May in the year 1780 he this applicant was drafted for a tour of nine months and marched under the command of Colonel Henry VanRensselaer (the name of the captain he cannot now recollect) to a place called the Highlands on the north River where he continued engaged in the service with an embodied corps until the month of October or a period of about six months when he returned home on leave of his officers and hired a substitute by the name of John Myer or Myres who as this applicant thinks served in his place to the end of the term. That in the month of August 1781 he this applicant was again drafted for a tour of three months to protect the frontiers of Schoharie County that he marched under the command of Lieutenant Peter Ostrander but was discharged before the end of this town, to the best of his recollection he was absent three or four weeks in the same year he was again ordered and marched by and with Captain Staats to Schenectady where he was in actual service for a period of nine weeks it being late in the fall when the detachment returned, that they were ordered to Schenectady by reason that the militia of Schenectady was on duty up the Mohawk River. They remained there until the return of the Schenectady Militia who when they did return had some prisoners who this applicant helped to guard to Albany—

To the questions directed to be propounded he answers 1st that he was born at Claverack Columbia Co. State of New York on the 21st day of April 1762. 2nd That he has no record of his age, that his father kept one in his bible. That his sister had the bible and as he supposes took it with her to

Canada. 3rd That he lived in Schodack when he entered the service from whence he removed (after the close of the War) to Johnstown and thence to Ephratah where he now resides. 4th that he was called into the service in the first place as a volunteer and afterwards both as a volunteer and as being drafted—5th that he thinks he saw Gen. Gates at the Highlands and at Albany. That he was well acquainted with Coll Killen VanRensselaer, Coll. Beekman and Colonel Henry VanRensselaer. 6th That to his best recollection he never received any other than a verbal discharge from the service. 7th That he is well acquainted with the said Ezra B. Gilbert, Hon. John Edwards (Member Elect) to Congress Aaron Haring late first Judge of Mont Co. and many others who he believes would be willing to testify to his respectability. That the reason why he has not before applied for a pension is that he has not until now been able to procure testimony in his behalf.

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)
Peter Stall

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.