

Pension Application for George Starr or Star

R.10080

State of Vermont,
District of George, SS.
Franklin County Probate Court
October 22d AD 1832.

Personally appeared in open Court, being the Probate Court for the County of Franklin, and a Court of Record for said County, and State of Vermont, as will appear by the first section of a Statute Law of said State, entitled "An act, constituting Probate Court Courts of Record," – passed November 15th, AD, 1821, (see 1st section of said act,) George Starr aged 87 years, resident in Highgate in said County, 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 AD 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775, and served in the York State line under the following named officers.

In the month of April 1775 at Poughkeepsie NY he enlisted for one year under Capt. Cooper in the Regt commanded by Col. Nicholson, Lieut Col. Fisher & [?] Broeheten or Brofsen, [fold] the month of September following, he was call'd for and marched immediately for Albany, there mustered, from thence to Johnstown, employed while there in repairing & picketing in the garrison (a Stone House) and scouting till January 1776, when the Regt to which he belonged was disbanded, and he again enlisted for and during the war, under Capt. Benja Hicks, Lieut Young & ensign Parsons, in the 1st Regt commanded by Col. Goose VanSchaick, Maj'r John Graham & [?] Peter Tarce, from Johnstown to Fort Stanwick, there stationed till April or May 1777, then left & marched to Albany, there a short time, & from thence to Lake George, and there stationed till the last of June or first of July, -- drove from thence by the British to Saratoga, & afterward removed to Still-water, remained there & in its vicinity till about the middle of September when the Regt moved to reinforce Gen. Arnold[']s Camp, and soon after an action took place, which lasted most of the day, in which action the applicant was engaged; that his Regt remained under the immediate command of Gen. Arnold, till about the first of Oct'r when an other battle was fought, in which the Americans were victorious; he was in the action, and aided in taking between four & five hundred prisoners, and a number of field pieces, soon after Gen. Burgoyne capitulated, the Regt to which he belonged, moved to Fort Stanwick, there about 12 or 15 days from thence to Albany, from thence by water to White Plains, there till spring & from thence to Valley-forge, and there stationed till the British army left Philadelphia, when the Americans march'd in pursuit and came up with them at a place call[ed] Monmouth, a battle ensued, which ended with the day, and at night the British retreat'd. In this action the applicant received two wounds almost at the same moment, a charge was made, and he received a wound in the right leg by a Musket ball, and his left arm broken by a blow he rec'd from his enemy [enemies] bayonet, which disabled him for a long time, he was taken to the hospital at Morristown under the care of Doc't Sweet, and there confined under the care of his surgeon till November 1779, and being still unfit for military duty he was returned as unfit for service, and discharged and went home and did not join the army afterwards, having served his country more than four years.

He has no documentary evidence whatever.

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) George Starr.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. [Rest of document cut off. There isn't a date on this document.]

State of Vermont

Grand Isle County SS.

Alburgh May 19th AD 1835.

I George Starr of Caldwell Manor in the Province of Lower Canada aged 88 years do testify & say that in the [year] 1778 I was a private soldier in Captain Benja Hicks Company in Col. G. VanSchaick's Regiment and was wounded in the battle of Monmouth as stated in my declaration was immediately removed to the hospital in Morristown New Jersey and after a partial recovery from my wounds I received from Dc'r Sweet I think in November 1780 a pass to go to my regiment I went immediately to Col. VanSchaick who was then at Albany New York and was by him examined and found to be unable to perform military duty and as the Regiment was then gone to the south I obtained permission from my Colonel to go home to my friends in Poughkeepsie and stay until the Regiment returned or was called for. It was a long time after my return home before I was wholly recovered from my wounds and in the mean time the Reg't returned (I think) to New Windsor N.Y. and was there discharged before I had knowledge of its return. Those are the reasons why I did not receive a formal written discharge respecting my making application for a pension under the act of 1818. In the year 1818 or 1819 I applied to Judge Witmore of St. Albans for to assist me in procuring a pension he informed me that persons residing in Canada at the time of the passing of the act was not entitl4ed. But at that time having no family and not having any permanent residence only among my friends both in the States and in Canada I thought it would be different from those who had a settled residence in the province. Therefore concluded that if I could prove my service I might obtain a pension. In the fall of 1827 I took a journey of about two hundred miles in order to obtain the evidence required and obtained one witness only being poor & unable to procure means to make further inquiry I returned home after my return I presented the evidence to Judge Witmore [?] who informed me that the evidence which I had obtained (viz. Jonathan Parr) would not be sufficient alone but that I had better make my declaration and make a further trial to procure more evidence and accordingly he took down the particulars of my services in the Army of The Revolution as I related them but not being able to defray the expense of a journey to New York I gave up the matter and I conclude that my declaration was never sent at any rate I have done nothing about a pension since that time which I would say was in 1829 or 30 until the passing of the act of 1832 and further say not. (Signed with his mark) George Starr

Attest John M. Sowles

State of Vermont

Grand Isle County

On this 2d day of December AD 1834 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said county George Starr and subscribed and swore to the following interrogations.

I was born in Middletown in the State of Connecticut about (as near as I can recollect) the year 1746. I have no record of my age.

I was living in Poughkeepsie N. York where I enlisted into the service of my country and after the close of my second campaign I returned to Poughkeepsie. I removed from thence to Alburgh in Vermont—from thence to Canada from thence to Highgate and from and from thence to Caldwells Manor L.C. two miles from Alburgh afsaid [aforesaid] where I now reside. I was called into the service as stated in my declaration.

During the time I was in the service of my country I became acquainted with the following named officers belonging to the Regt in which I served viz. Lieut Vandike, Major Grayham who previous to his receiving his commission as Major was Captain of a company of Grnadiers, Capt. Fink, Lieut Ten Brook, Ensign Vandal of the Light Infantry Capt. Hicks, Lieut Young, Lieut or Ensign Parsons, Ensign Hicks brother of Capt.