

Pension Application for Reuben Steere

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United States of America. Rhode-Island District, S.C. August Term 1832.
County of Providence

On this seventh day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court being District Court of the United States within and for said District, now in session. Reuben Steere a resident of Scituate in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island aged 77 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 7, 1832, viz.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was born February 11th 1755 at Gloucester Rhode Island which is on record in the Town Clerk's Office of that town—he lived there when he enlisted and since the war has lived in Smithfield Hartley in Scituate.

That in the year 1775 soon after the Battles of Lexington he joined a company of volunteers or minute men under Capt. Andrew Waterman and belonged to the same two years but was not in actual service seven months—was one month at Bristol under Capt. Edward Knight & Col. West in December 1776—Was in the winter and spring of 1777 in Providence at different times three months under Capt John Eddy and Coll Chad Brown was in Spencer's expedition in October 1777 one month in Capt. Sheldon's Company & same regiment – and one month in Sullivan's expedition in August 1778 in the attempt to drive the British from Rhode Island—all which he served out and was honourably discharged-

He has no written discharge.

He 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) Reuben Steere.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Attest B. Cowell, Clk.

Supplemental

And now on this eleventh day of April 1833, Reuben Steere maketh oath the further declaration in addition & explanation of the one, made on the 7th of August AD 1832 viz. Said Reuben declares that he belonged to Capt. Andrew Waterman's Company as a private as he has stated in his said declaration two years, from the battle of Lexington & that during said two years he was in actual service at least seven months & for this service he claims a pension, and he further declares that in the spring of 1777 & summer following and between the months of April & August he served three months at least, as orderly sergeant for which he claims a pension.

In his first declaration he stated this service to have been in the winter & spring, but upon reflection, he is satisfied it was in the Spring & Summer of 1777 as above mentioned in Capt. John Eddy, Col. Chad Brown's regiment of R. Island Militia. In October 1777 he served one month in what what [sic] called Spencer's Expedition in Capt. Spellman's Company as stated, also one month in Sullivan's expedition in August 1778 as states in both of which he was orderly sergeant, and he further declares that in addition to his services first states, in the month of August AD 1780, he served one month as orderly sergeant in Capt. Beniack Whipples Company & the same Col. Chad Brown's regiment—In the above services he served seven months as a private & six months as orderly sergeant thirteen months in all of while he claims a pension—Since the revolutionary war, he has been a Captain in the Militia five years, until he resigned—and this applicant further says that the reason why he did not procure a clergyman to certify his services was that, Elder John Westcott his minister is dead & he knew of no other clergyman, nor is there any other clergyman now living in his neighborhood that he knows of that can testify.

And this applicant further says that he knows of no person who can certify other now living in his neighborhood that he knows of that can testify.

And this applicant further says that he knows of no person who can testify other than Job Keech whose deposition is hereto annexed, but said Job is now dead—William Wheelers affidavit is also annexed & also the affidavit of Jesse Tourtellot who are acquainted with him & his reputation of having served as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Reuben Steere

Personally appeared before me the above named Reuben Steere & made oath to the truth of the preceding declaration by him signed—I also certify that Jesse Tourtellot & Whilliam Wheeler whose certificate have this day been sworn to before me are both men of truth & veracity & full faith & Credit are to be given to their certificate—the said Jesse was formerly a Judge in this state—of the Court of Common Pleas. Benjamin Cowell. Clerk & Commissioner of Dist Court of RI Dist.