

Pension Application for Frederick P. Stevenson

W.2189 (Widow: Hannah) Married January 12, 1796 at Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut by Reverend Mr. Finch, a clergyman. Frederick died July 17, 1820.

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State of New York

New York City and County SS.

On this 16th day of April 1855, before me a Notary Public, in and for the State and County of New York, personally appeared Hannah Stevenson, a resident of the City of New York aged eighty two years, who on her oath declares that she is a widow of Frederick P. Stevenson, deceased, who was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, that her said husband, continued in actual service in said War, for fourteen days and over, as will appear from the evidence already produced and on file at the Pension Office at Washington; that she now receives a pension of ninety four dollars and twenty one cents, per annum, under the act of Congress of July 29th 1848, on account of the services of her said husband in said war. She makes this declaration, in order to obtain the bounty land, to which she may be entitled, under the "act approved March 3d 1855", and further declares that she has never before applied for, now received any bounty land, under this or any other act of Congress. She furthermore declares, that she is now a widow. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Stevenson.

Witness Emmeline Stevenson. We Emmeline Stevenson, and Gloriana Heath, residents of the City of New York on our oaths declare, that we are personally acquainted with the above affiant Hannah Stevenson; that we know her to be the same person she represents herself to be, in the foregoing affidavit to which she has subscribed in our presence; and that she is now a widow. Emmeline Stevenson, Glorianna Heath.

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year before written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim. M. Clarkson, Notary Public.

I hereby certify that Hannah Stevenson who has signed the foregoing declaration is a pensioner on the roll of this agency, as therein set forth; viz, act July 29th 1848. New York City Pension Agency April 16th 1855. VanBrugh Livingston. [PA?]

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Frederick P. Stevenson of the City of New York being sworn doth depose and say on oath, that the nature of his disability received during the Revolutionary War is as follows to wit. He was wounded by a musket ball from the enemy, entering in the left thigh, a little below the hip, taking the bone in its course, and passing through to the rear. The wound confined deponent for several months and afterwards the wound again broke out, and a piece of the thigh bone was again taken out about fifteen months afterwards. Deponent saith that from time to time said wound has always continued, in a great measure to prevent deponent from obtaining his livelihood by manual labour, and that disability is greatly increased by colds, and by the advancing age of the deponent. And deponent saith, that the reasons why he did not make application for a pension before, one, that he, has been about this state in Connecticut about fourteen months and upwards, and that absence took place about the time commissioners was appointed in West Chester County in the State of New York to examine claims for pension, and since his return he has always been unwilling to claim aid of his county, while he could gain a subsistence. And the deponent also saith that he is not and never has been on the pension list of any state. (Signed) F. P. Stevenson

Sworn before me this fifth day of Jan'y 1817. R. Riker

I William Baldwin of the City of New York Physician do depose and say on oath that I am of opinion from the examination of the above named Frederick P. Stevenson on oath, that the nature of his

disability in consequence of his wound received in the Revolutionary War, is an affection of the hip which debilitates him to such a degree, as in a great measure prevents him from acquiring a subsistence by manual labour, and I do further depose that I have examined the said wound, and from such examination, as well as from the oath of the said Frederick P. Stevenson, I believe he was shot through the thigh with a musket ball, and that a part of his thigh bone near the left hip was carried away by such shot & that it continues to this day to be affected by storms, and colds, and was more with his age in wuch a manner, as in my opinion, entitles him justly to a full pension. (Signed) William Baldwin.

Sworn this fifth day of Jan'y 1817. R. Riker.

City and County of New York SS.

Stephen Lyon of said City and County being duly sworn says that he is acquainted with Hannah Stevenson whose name is subscribed to the foregoing declaration or deposition.

That the said Hannah is his sister. That the said Hannah to the best of deponent's knowledge information and belief, was married to Frederick P. Stevenson in the year seventeen hundred and ninety six. That in the year eighteen hundred and three deponent went to reside with the said Frederick P., and the said Hannah in the City of New York. That he resided with them until the death of the said Frederick P. in eighteen hundred and twenty, and that he has since resided with his said sister, and still continues to reside with her in said City. That this deponent was acquainted with Frederick P. Stevenson the late husband of said Hannah Stevenson from the period of his marriage in seventeen hundred and ninety six, until his death as aforesaid.

This deponent was not present at the marriage but was present at home at the house of the parents of said Hannah and deponent on the day when as he understood the said marriage took place, and recollects the fact of the said Hannah's return from the house of the minister by whom the said marriage ceremony was performed. That the minister by whom the said ceremony was performed, was, as deponent has been informed and believes, the Rev. Mr. Finch of Greenwich, Fairfield County Connecticut where the said Hannah and her family then resided, who has been dead for about twenty years. This deponent further says that after the period when said marriage was represented to have taken place, the said Frederick P. Stevenson, and the said Hannah lived together as man and wife and were recognized and regarded as such by their acquaintances, and that they had a family of nine children whom they brought up and attended to, and that as deponent believes five of said children are still living. This deponent further says that he never heard a doubt expressed of the legality of said marriage, though for a period of nearly fifty years he has been intimately acquainted with the family and an occupant of the same house.

This deponent further says that the said Frederick P. Stevenson at the time of his death, was an Inspector of Customs of the fort of New York and that this deponent was the executor and the said Hannah the executrix of the last will and testament of the said Frederick P. Stevenson's.

That this deponent is sixty five years of age and upwards.

This deponent further says that about two weeks ago this deponent went to the office of the town Clerk of Greenwich, Fairfield County Connecticut for the purpose of making searches in the papers of his office with the view of ascertaining whether any record was to be found of the marriage of the said Hannah—That this deponent was unable to find any, but was informed by the said Town Clerk that until about the year eighteen hundred and sixteen it was not necessary by law that marriages in the State of Connecticut should be recorded but that it was optional with the parties to record them or not. That this deponent about the twenty fifth of August last called on Ferris Finch of New York, a son of the said Reverend Mr. Finch in order to ascertain whether the said Ferris Finch had any papers of his father's in his possession which would be likely to contain any record or minute of the said marriage—That the said Ferris said that he left home when he was about eighteen that he had no papers of his father's in his possession and was unable to say what had become of them but that he thought the best person to

apply to would be Mrs. Anderson the daughter of his father's third wife. That this deponent has also made diligent search and inquiry of persons in the said town of Greenwich whom deponent thought most likely to afford him some information respecting the papers of the said Reverend Mr. Fitch, but that he could not ascertain whether any such papers were in existence, nor if so, in whose possession they were.

That the said Reverend Mr. Finch was as deponent has been informed and believes married three times, and that such inquiries as aforesaid was the grandson of the third wife of said Reverend Mr. Finch who could give no information on the subject and that deponent also caused inquiries to be made of the said Mrs. Anderson, the daughter of the third wife of said Reverend Mr. Finch, but that she also could give no information on the subject. (Signed) Stephen Lyon

Sworn in open court this 11th day of Oct. 1848. James Conner Clerk

City and County of New York SS.

William Brown of the township of Rye in the County of West Chester and State of Ne York being duly sworn saith that he will be of the age of sixty six on the seventh day of April next and that he is well acquainted with Frederick P. Stevenson of the City of New York and this deponent further saith that the said Frederick P. Stevenson was a Lieutenant of Militia in the Said County of West Chester during the Revolutionary War and employed during part of said war in the service of the United States, that this deponent frequently served as a soldier under the command of the said Frederick P. Stevenson and that about the month of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight a battle or skirmish took place between a party of English and refugees under the command of Major Baymore as this deponent was informed at the time and a party of the American Militia in which the said Frederick P. Stevenson was serving as lieutenant—that the said Lieutenant Frederick P. Stevenson was wounded in the said battle and that this deponent assisted in carrying the said Frederick P. Stevenson from the place where he was wounded to the house of James Banks in the town ship of Greenwich in the State of Connecticut being somewhere about two miles from the place where the said Frederick was wounded as aforesaid that this deponent called several times afterwards at the house of the said James Banks and saw the surgeon dress the said wound of the said Frederick which was in the hip and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) William Brown.

Sworn before me this fourth day of January 1817. R Ricker, Recorder of the City of New York.