

### **Pension Application for Timothy Stevens**

R.10140 (Wife Dorothy) Timothy died Jan 8, 1831 in Blakely Township, Luzerne County PA. Their son Platt Stevens applied for pension, unsuccessfully.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne SS.

On this third day of November Anno Domino one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the honorable Charles D. Shoemaker, Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County (the same being a Court of Record) Timothy Stevens, as resident of Blaksley in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania aged eighty four years and upwards 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the Unites States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—

That he enlisted early in the fall of the year 1776 under Captain Joshua Barnum as a minute man. At the time he enlisted he resided on what was called the “oblong” adjoining the Western line of Massachusetts & Connecticut—He thinks it was in the fall of the year 1776 but cannot recollect distinctly, but he recollects that while the “Asia” man of war lay in Boston Harbour he sailed in a Merchant vessel for the West Indies, and returned landed in New Haven and immediately home to Duchess [Dutchess] County to the “oblong” and enlisted. He served three years as a minute man during which time he was several times called upon to march against the Tories who were committing depredations upon the inhabitants—I went twice to Exeter as a Guard to conduct the tories we had taken.

In the winter of 1776-77 I marched with the detachment to which I belonged from White Plains to near Fort Independence. We attacked the enemy while they [were] cooking their breakfasts and carried three of their redoubts after some severe fighting and took all their stores which were in Valentine’s house—We took three or four pieces of cannon from them. I staid in the redoubts we had taken until General Washington went into winter quarters at White Plains when we are permitted to return home. The detachment was commanded by Major Cook. I was an Orderly Sergeant the three years I served in Captain Barnum’s Company—After my term of service had expired under Captain Barnum I enlisted for during the war under Captain Noah Wheeler of the New York Line—I enlisted under Capt. Wheeler at the Nine Partners in Duchess County but was in no engagement while under him. My business sometimes was to gather provisions for the troops, and a greater part of the time were stationed in the neighborhood to keep a look out upon the tories—

He is old and infirm and cannot now remember the names of any of the Continental officers with whom he served—

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service, neither does he know of any person living in this part of the country by whom he can prove his services.

He was born in Danbury, Connecticut on the tenth of May 1748. He has a record of his age in the family bible. After the war he lived in Nobletown NY until 1793 when he moved to Providence in Luzerne County Penn’a where he has resided till the present time. The part of Providence in which he lives is now called Blakely.

He never received a written discharge from the service—He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He refers to William House and Alexander Dolph for his character &c. (Signed) Timothy Stevens.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. C.D. Shoemaker