

Pension Application for Lemuel Stone

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Declaration.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this Sixth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and forty one, personally appeared before me, Augustus F. Ferris a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the said county of Cayuga aforesaid, Lemuel Stone, of the Town of Sennett, in the said County aged seventy seven years, on the first of January last past, as near as he can state, who being by me 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.

That he entered the service of the Revolution at the Town of Rye in the County of West Chester and State of New York, early in the spring of the year 1781. (According to his memory and belief) as a volunteer, and enlisted for the term of nine months as a private in a company commanded by one captain Smith under officers of said company Lieut Benjamin Howell and Ensign Mosher in Col. Mead's Regiment. That he served the full term of his enlistment (nine months) at Horse Neck, in the said County of West Chester in Garrison, with the exception of being frequently ordered out on scouting parties to keep off Tories and CowBoys. And that he was honorably discharged by Col. Mead, on or about the last of January or forepart of February (as he believes) after his enlistment; that he was a Minute Man, previous to his enlistment and was frequently called out as such on scouts to keep off Tories and Cowboys. That while a Minute Man he was in a scouting party and had a skirmish with a party of British Light Horse at Fox Meadow, West Chester County in a company commanded by Capt. Locard; he was in a skirmish at Sherwood's Bridge, West Chester County where they were opposed by about four hundred British and Tories. He was in another skirmish in a company commanded by Capt. Hawley at Merrick's Bridge in the said County of West Chester; that there was no other Lemuel Stone in Capt. Smith's Company.

He does not recollect the dates of the terms of his service, or the length of the same, father than before stated, and that his discharge is lost, and he has no documentary evidence of service, and that he knows of no person living by whom to prove services except Francis Garritt of the Town of Scipio in the said County of Cayuga.

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; and that the reason why, he has not sooner applied for a pension, was his poverty and the want of someone to assist him; he having no means to dep[[]]oy the expenses—and in answer to the interrogatories, required by the War Department to be put to him he says,

First. Where and in what year was you born. Ans. In the town of Rye, County of West Chester in the State of New York on the first day of January 1764.

Interrogatory 2d—does not know as there is any record of his age.

Interrogatory 3. In the town of Rye before named.

Interrogatory 4. Since the Revolution lived in the town of Rensselaerville in the State of New York about fourteen years, then moved into Delaware County where he resided a number of years from thence in the town of Danby, Tompkins County in State aforesaid, thence to the Village of Geneva where he stayed a short time; also in Waterloo Seneca County a short time. Thence to Brutus Cayuga County & now in the County Poorhouse in the town of Sennett in said County.

Interrogatory 4. [sic] Volunteered his service.

Interrogatory 5. Major Hobby, Capt. Fitch, Capt. Lockard, Colonel Mead & General Putnam.

Interrogatory 6. Rec'd his discharge from Colonel Mead which has since been lost.

Interrogatory 7. Is now acquainted with Robert Gallt Esq, Home Riant, John Goff, Jason Rude, Peter Miles & James V. Bennett all of the town of Bruton and many other person in said town. (Signed with his mark) Lemuel Stone.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me, August F. Ferris, Judge of the County aforesaid.