

**Pension Application for Budd Stuart, or Stewart, or Robert Steward**

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W.1662 (Widow: Rebecca) Married 1799. He died 27 July 1848.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred & thirty four personally appeared in open Court before H. Knukesbacken First Judge of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Rensselaer aforesaid now sitting Budd Stuarts a resident of the Town of Petersburg in the County of Rensselaer & State of New York aged seventy one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered the service of the United States & served as following—That he was born in the Town of [Stonington?] in the State of Connecticut in the year 1762 that there is a record of his age in the Town where he was born that when he entered the service of the United States he was living in the Town of Little Hoosick in the State of New York, that in the latter part of the year 1781, he entered the service of the United States in a company commanded by Capt. Austin Odell, Lieut Stephen Randall that Joshua Randall acted as sergeant, and was subsequently elected ensign of said company that he continued in the service of the United States until April 1782 when he enlisted in Captain Macobans Company for nine months that he was engaged in Scouting and serving the county and guarding & protecting the inhabitants against the attacks of Tories & Indians that he was marched to Skeensborough, Fort Edward and Fort Ann, Saratoga, Bennington, & Cambridge that he continued as a private soldier in the company above stated for four months when he enlisted in the latter part of April 1782, in said Captain Marshall's Company that he received no written discharge, he further declares that at the time he made his former declaration he knew of no person living by whom he could prove the last mentioned service and therefore did not incorporate it in his declaration for a pension, this declarant begs leave to refer the departments to his former declaration on file, which shows the services from which he now receives a pension.

That he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services and that he does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove his last mentioned services above specified and not proved by the affidavit hereunto annexed.

He has lived in Petersburg for the last fifty six years where he now resides that the names of the persons by whom he can prove his declaration & services & who resides in his neighborhood and who are acquainted with him & can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution Joshua Randall & Jason Babcock.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension and an annuity except the one already granted to him and the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state for the services for which he now claims a pension. (Signed) Budd Stuart

Sworn to & subscribed in open court. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk

**Births**

Anna Smith was born March 30, 1795.

Weaver Steward was born December 3, 1799.

Chloe Steward was born October 18, 1801.

Schuyler Steward was born March 9, 1804

Claring Steward was born Sept. the 30, 1806.

Hiram Steward was born Nov 26, 1812.

Columbia Steward was born Feb the 18, 1813 thus ends the letter.

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Budd Stewart alias Rob't Stewart of the Town of Petersburg in the County of Rensselaer in said state, aged seventy eight years, being duly sworn says that he is the same person whose name was once on the pension roll of the United States under the Act of 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 at the rate of \$36.66/100 per annum. That at the suggestion of one Joshua Randall & Jason Babcock two of his brother soldiers. He & they engaged one Chas M. Davis of the City of Troy to make application for increased pay by reason of their services at Fort Edward & other places north in the year after the taking of Burgoyne, which as this deponent has understood & believes to be true took place in the year 1777. That said David prepared the affidavits on which said application was to be [bounded?] at his office in the pursuance of & at the dictation of this deponent & said Randall & Babcock, and that when they came into the court then sitting in said City of Troy to testify to the facts set forth in said affidavits. They were told that the said affidavits were drawn in exact conformity with the statements they had respectively given in or made to said Davis & the said affidavits were not read to this deponent or said Randall & Babcock and Mr. Davis himself did not read the same ever after he had written the same so far as this deponent said & the taking of be the fort. And they were requested by said Davis to go into court & swear to the same, which they accordingly did, believing that the affidavits were drawn correctly as they had dictated the same. That the deponent does not attribute anything intentionally wrong to said Davis but said Davis at the time seemed to have his mind on their business, and was as he is occasionally acknowledge to be, somewhat intoxicated.

This deponent understands the reason why his name was stricken from the pension roll to be, the discrepancy in the statements made of his services by said Davis & the statements given in his original papers made out by Daniel Gleason Esqr; and that said Davis represented two different tours actually performed in different years, to have been performed at the same time. This deponent would further state in reference to said discrepancies that his nine months tour was performed the same year in which the battle of Turlough took place & Capt. McKean killed & his son wounded in the mouth. He this deponent has been informed that said occurrences took place in the year 1781 & not 1782 as he believes he stated the time to be to said Gleason when said Gleason made out his original papers. This deponent cannot well remember dates. That his deponent served during three years or thereabouts, of the war of the Revolution in this state. This deponent did not serve the whole of the time, during three years, but at different times, during said three years, in this state, he having served previous to his moving to this state, for the time of one month & when only thirteen years of age at Fort Griswold at or near London in the State of Connecticut. The further particulars of which service this deponent cannot recollect.

That said deponent came to reside in this state (New York) at a place then called Hoosick, now Petersburg aforesaid. That he had not been at Hoosick more than three weeks before he was called upon to perform military duty. If he remembers right this was in the year after Burgoyne surrendered to wit, 1778. When he performed duty as a scout in company with twenty or thirty other persons at Fort Edward, Sandy Hill, Fort Ann & other Posts & papers in that vicinity. That he engaged in several scouting parties, during said year last named, the particular terms of which service this deponent is unable to specify, but can only say generally that they were of three or four or seven days duration each.

On these occasions the non-commissioned officers of the company of Capt. Austin Odell in which he was enrolled had the command & sometimes Capt. Odell himself his brother Lemuel Steward was one of the Sergeants of said Company, who is now Dec'd. At the time the settlement on the Mohawk River including the Scoharie [Schoharie] Settlements were destroyed, which deponent is informed & believes took place in the year 1780, he performed military duty for one months at the Middle Fort to Scoharie. Deponent remembers that this time apples on the trees nearly ripe, which inclines him to believe it must have been in the fall of the said year 1780. And that he noticed that the apples on some of the trees which stood near buildings that had been burnt were half roaster by the

heat. Before he proceeded to perform this one month's tour, he was mustered in Albany, and was under the command of one Elisha Bailey, a sergeant of his company. The captain of said company Austin Odell aforesaid did not accompany him in this tour. The detachment of the company with which he served on this occasion is that of about sixteen or eighteen man, when they arrived at said Schoharie fort, this deponent thinks one Ostrander had the command. On this occasion deponent was engaged to serve by a class at the head of which was one Asa Lewis.

The next year deponent was engaged by a class at the head of which was one James Main, to serve for nine months in the Levies under Col. Willett. In the month of May he (Deponent) was mustered in Albany under Capt Marshall who resided at Albany. Deponent remembers that Captain McKean also, accompanied him or his corps in this expedition & when the battle of Thurlough [Turlough] took place (in what is now Schoharie County) said McKean had the command of deponents company. Deponent also remembers the names of the following officers as surviving with him during this his nine months engagement. Viz: Lieut. Cannon Lieutenant Loop, Adjutant Funda from Schenectada & Searjeant [Sergeant] Scott. That during said engagement he served at Clock's Mills guarding the same at Herkimer, Fort House, Fort Dayton & Johnstown and Ballston where he assisted in building a picket Fort or log Fort. And that after the expiration of his said term of service he was discharged at Fort Hunter. Deponent assisted Corporal Scott & two others to carry Captain McKean from the field of Battle and was afterwards present at his burial at Fort Rensselaer.

This deponent in company with others of his fellow soldiers saw a great many head of cattle which had been left by the enemy & he & they seemed the same.

And this deponent further saith that his father was anxious that he should be named Eliphalet instead of Robert. That he is sometimes called Robert & that other times Eliphalet. That he answers to both names some calling him by one name, and others by another, but that the name by which he is generally known is Budd, being a nickname for Robert. That he in the first instance acquired this name from the circumstance of his sister calling him by it & by none other up to the present time.

And this deponent further says, that after the close of said war, he worked for eight months for Elisa Reynolds at said Town of Plattsburgh. That said Elisha had a son named Thomas, to whom this deponent made an assignment of or gave an order to draw his wages for his nine months services, under Captain Marshall, Company, which order this deponent signed by the name of Robert Steward. (Signed with his mark) Robert Steward

Subscribed & sworn before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1841. Francis N. Mann Judge of Renss. Com. Pleas and [?]