

Pension Application for George Stuver

R.10107 (Widow: Mary)

County of Schenectady to wit. Mary Stuver of the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga and State of New York being duly sworn doth depose and say that she this deponent is the widow of George Stuver deceased who departed this life on the twenty first day of September A.D. 1832.

And this deponent further says that the said George Stuver was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and was a musician in said war. And this deponent further says that she this deponent was married to him in the year 1778, that this deponent at that time resided near Rhinebeck and the said George Stuver resided at Rhinebeck and this deponent further says that she was married in the Spring of the year 1778 and this deponent further says that after her said marriage with the said George Stuver she and her said husband commenced immediately to keep house together and after they had commenced keeping house and in the summer of the year 1778 he the said George Stuver was drafted to go out from home as a soldier and that he went and was gone from home a few weeks and then was called out to do military duty again and left home and went out as a soldier in the service of the United States a short period at least two weeks and served faithfully as a musician in said service and then returned home and did not go out again to the knowledge of the deponent as a soldier.

And this deponent further says that she well knows that the said George Stuver was engaged as a soldier in the army of the Revolution for at least five months to the knowledge of this deponent before his marriage besides the period of five months mentioned in the affidavit of Mayhew Daggett of which five months, this deponent has no actual personal knowledge except from the information of the said George Stuver and other persons as it happened before her acquaintance with him and further this deponent says not. (Signed with her mark) Mary Stuver

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of December A.D. 1836. Stephen A. Daggett, commissioner of Deeds

County of Schenectady SS.

Mayhew Daggett of the Town of Clifton Park and Isaac Lewis of the Town of Glenville being duly sworn do each depose and say as follows the said Mayhew Daggett says that he has been well acquainted with the said Mary Stuver widow of George Stuver deceased for the period of at least sixty five years and that he well knows that the said Mary Stuver has always sustained a very fair character for truth and veracity and that he has hear her deposition annexed read and that he verily believes the same to be in all respects true and that he was acquainted with the said George Stuver for a great length of time and that he always sustained a very high reputation for truth and veracity. And the said Isaac Lewis says that he has been acquainted with the said George Stuver up to the time of his death which happened Sept 1832 and with the said Mary Stuver for a period of more than thirty years and that they both sustained high and unblemished characters for truth and veracity and also in all other respects. And further these deponents say that the said George Stuver was always reputed a soldier to the Revolution and further these deponents say not. (Signed) Mayhew Daggett, Isaac Lewis.

Subscribed and sworn before m this 15th day of December AD 1836. Stephen A. Daggett Commissioner of Deeds.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On the 25th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me, James Thompson first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Saratoga in the State of New York – George Stuver a resident of the Town of Ballston in said County & State aforesaid aged seventy six 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.

That he was born in the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess & State of New York in the month of October in the year 1756, as he understands from information derived from his father, & that the family record of births and ages was lost in the revolutionary war and was never seen by him.

That he lived in the Town of Rhinebeck aforesaid when he first engaged in the military service of his country. At the close of the revolutionary war he resided in a place called the little nine partner, a few miles from the place of his nativity & in the same County—from thence he removed to a place called Cline Kill, five miles below Kinderhook. He lived there about four years—from thence he removed to Amsterdam in the now County of Montgomery N.Y. and lived there about four years—from thence he removed to Clifton [Clifton] Park in the County of Saratoga where he lived about nine years & in the year 1806, he removed about three fourths of a mile into the Town of Ballston where he has ever since and now resides.

That in 1776 he thinks in July he hired as a substitute for Cornelius Schermerhorn of Rhinebeck aforesaid in the militia for five months—the name of his Captain was John Steenbergh, his Colonel's name was Morris Graham one Hopkins was Lieut. Colonel, and George Clinton Brigadier Genl. Benjamin Bogardus was first and George Sharpe second Lieutenant. He served in said company as a drummer during the whole of the said five months at fifty eight shillings and eight pence per month and received his pay in what was called Continental money of which kind of money he paid sixty dollars for a pound of Tobacco. The company to which he belonged went by water from Rhinebeck to Tarrytown or Phillips' Manor, from thence they crossed to East Chester, from thence to Westchester—He was in the Battle of White Plains and in several skirmishes during this period—At the expiration of the five months he was discharged at Peekskill Dutchess County and is not confident whether his discharge was or was not in writing—or if so by whom signed—In the year 1777, he volunteered as a drummer on an expedition to the south – went by water to Albany, thence by land to Bemus's heights in Stillwater—He then belonged to a company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Hermann—First Lieut, Uriah Hermann, the same Col. & Lieut Col. as in the five months served before stated. The Regiment was attached to Gen'l Glover's Brigade—After Burgoyne's surrender, the company to which he belonged marched to Albany—thence to Hurley near Esopus, now called Kingston, Ulster Col, where they were discharged—He was employed in this campaign on duty three months, or a little upwards—

That he resided at Rhinebeck from the commencement to near the close of the Revolutionary War & was in service with the militia at various times & for various periods beside those before stated, the exact length of which he is unable to state--- but was at one time on Militia duty under Captain Andries Heermance for the space of two months, under the same Colonels as before at another time under Captain William Stuart for about one month in the Highlands, under command of Col. Langdon, during both the last mentioned periods the militia were employed at different places up & down the river—That he was detached at a different time with some other militia soldiers & spent about two months to guard the Goal 2 months in Poughkeepsie there filled with Tories—he was then under the command of Lieut. John Wilson—That he is confident in opinion that his different periods of actual service amounted to some months more, but in regards to the desultory character of some of his services & the frailty of his memory under his present debility by age and bodily infirmity he wishes to confine his declaration and claim to one year and no more.

That he has no documentary evidence whatever—and if he ever received any written discharges or the documents (of which he is not certain) they are lost & knows of no persons living within the present circle of his acquaintance who could from their own actual knowledge from his service as herein stated—that he has for about nine months past been confined to his house and unable to travel—under the infirmity of a hopeless decline or consumption—and cheerfully & confidently refers to neighbors of his acquaintance for the last twenty or thirty years of his life to testify as to his character or veracity and

their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—and for this purpose to refer particularly to Elder Abijah Peek, Capt. William Kingsley, William Fatterbee Esq, Nathan Gansey Esq., Capt. David Waterman, Deacon Barzillai Milferd, all residing in Clifton Park & Ballston in this County. (Signed) George Stuver

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. James Thompson, First Judge of Saratoga County.