

## **Pension Application for Obadiah Wells**

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State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On the twenty sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-personally appeared in open court, in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk, being a Court of Record and so constituted by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, Obidiah Wells, resident in the town of Riverhead in the said County of Suffolk, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That the said Obadiah Wells enlisted for the term of one year sometime about the first day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in or near the town of Southold on Long Island, in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Griffing in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston, in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment.

That he continued to serve until the month of October following when he was taken sick with a fever, known by the name of the long fever, and obtained a furlough to return to his fathers house. That he did return to his father's house and while unwell there, with said fever, was taken and carried by the common enemy and put into Prison in the City of New York—Long Island then being in the possession of the British.

That after lying in prison several weeks, in said City, he was paroled, and returned again to his father's house aforesaid.

That he was not in any battle but was in several skirmishes. That in consequence of the sickness aforesaid and the suffering he endured in prison in New York, he was never able to again serve in any Company or Regiment—

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present.

That his name is not on the roll of any state except the State of New York.

That in the year 1819, he applied to an individual to assist him in making an application for a pension. That he papers were not properly prepared (the person to whom he applied being unacquainted with the business) and that since then the whole matter has living from year to year with the continual intention of making further application yet without ever doing so, until now, urged by the extreme pefssure of his circumstances.

That until within two or three years past he has enjoyed a degree of health which enabled him to nearly or quite obtain a living by his trade or vocation, but that now his health has become so impaired and the infirmities of age increased so much that he is quite unable and incapable of acquiring his own support.

And in pursuance of the Act of first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have

not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 there have been no material changes made in my property, I having owned no property or value then, or at any time since.

That I have no Wife living—and am entirely dependant on a son who has himself a large family & no means of support excepting his hands.

That I am by occupation a Carpenter but by reason of age and infirmities of body I am quite unable to follow as a means of support or livelihood.

That that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to obtain the necessaries of life without the assistance of my Country, except by private or public charity. (Signed) Obadiah Wells

Subscribed and sworn in open court before the Judges thereof the day & year above written.

Schedule of all the property of Obadiah Wells, within named, both real and personal.

Carpenter's Tools \$8.00

One bed 2.00

Necessary apparel 3.00

Amt. \$13.00 (Signed) Obadiah Wells.