

Pension Application for Shalar Wells

S.23480

Declaration of Shalar Wells, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Genesee, now sitting in the town of Batavia, in and for said County, being a court of Record and having a seal, Shalar Wells a resident of the town of Castile in the County of Genesee and 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, 1832.

That he ordered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the 1st April 1776, while he resided in Cambridge in Washington County, went into the Continental Army as a substitute for Timothy Wells who had enlisted in the Regular service for six months—went to Albany, and was in Alexander McCrackin's Company was attached to no regiment—that he served four weeks and four days in his brother's place when his brother came on and took his place in the [?] and he went home.

That on the 15th March 1778 he was drafted in the State militia for a fortnight—there were three brothers and they each took his turn or were drafted alternately and he continued in the service on his own draft and that of his brothers others until the 1st July 1780 when he went home – was in Capt Benjamin Smith's Company Lieut. Samuel Deming—Lieut Burch—in Col. Lewis Van Wirt's Regiment. – John Blair was Lieut Col—and was stationed most of the time at Fort Edward—that he served three months and a half and his brother came and took his place until he went home and helped them to harvest.

That he returned on the 1st September 11778 and served in the same company as a draft and under the same officers in the same manner as before until the last of November—that he served at this time three months and the garrison was dismissed and he went home.

That on the 1st May 1779 he went out again as a draft in the same manner as at the previous service and served under Capt. Joseph Wells and [?] Samuel Deming was Lieutenant—and many of the officers same as before and were at Fort Edward and served until the first day of July, then he went home and remained two weeks and on the 15th July he went again in the same manner and served until the; 1st September when the garrison was dismissed. That he served this time three months and a half.

That on the 3d November 1779 he was drafted and went to Saratoga – was in Joseph Well's Company, in Col. Van Warts Regiment—Lieut Col. John Blair, James Ashdon was Major no Continental officers there as he thinks. Gen Clinton was there and commanded the corps—went from Saratoga to Ticonderoga—and stopped there a

short time and went back to Fort George and staid [stayed] six days, then went to Saratoga and was verbally discharged after having been out fifteen days.

That on the 1st June 1780, was drafted again into the state service for three months and went to West Point—and staid there a few days and then volunteered in the Continental line in Washington's Light Infantry—went 8 miles below West Point and passed muster under General Muster Master—then marched down to Tappan Bay and found the Brigade & was in Capt. David Blaber's or Bleeker's Company—in Col. Van Cortland's Regiment—genl. Washington, LaFayette, and Steuben were there—was a part of the time in Hackensack, English Neighborhood and other places, and was dismissed to Totowa in New Jersey—and was discharged the last of November—verbal discharge—that he served six months and went home.

That he was born in Hebron, Hartford Co., Cot. On the 28th February 1761.

That he has a Record of his age on a leaf taken from his bible which he copied from his father's Bible.

That since the war he resided in Cambridge, Washington Co., N.Y. until the year 1828 when he removed into Castile where he now resides—never received any discharge from the service—and knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service—That Daniel Herrington and Thomas Weir reside in his neighborhood, are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That there is no clergyman whose testimony he could procure without great trouble and expence. [expense]

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. (Signed Shalar Wells

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. T. Fitch clerk