
Pension Application for Amon Canfield

W.20832 (Widow: Meribah) Amon died November 4, 1842.

Original Claim

County of Litchfield SS.

Amon Canfield on this fifth day of April 1827 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Litchfield, resident in said county aged sixty eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820, that he the said Amon Canfield enlisted for the term of nine months on the fifth day of May 1778 in the State of New York in the 4th company commanded by the late Captain Marvin (1) & served under Lieutenant Peter Elsworth in the Regiment commanded by Henry B. Livingston & Lieut. Peter Renier (2) in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the 6th day of February 1779, when he was discharged from the same at Fort Plank in Canajohary in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes any 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 the following are the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension vizt. That on the 22nd day of April 1818 he did apply for a pension, that he then failed for the want of proof, that he was then & still is poor & was discouraged from making further application for the want of means of doing it & that without the aid of Mr. Zebedee Sturderant who was an old Revolutionary Soldier, with whom he has lately become acquainted he should not be able to make this application, that when he made the former application he resided in the State of New York but now in Connecticut—

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not since that time by sale gift, 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”, passed on the 18 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 & by me subscribed vizt.

In 1818 I owned one cow & five sheep which was all the property I then owned, which property was soon thereafter disposed of for my family support, that at this time I do not possess any property of any description, nor have I had any since & partet [sic] with my Cow & five sheep which is about six years since—that I have several children, but none of them are dependant on me for support. I have a wife who is lame & unable to work but a part of the time & am in poor health myself & unable to work in the winter, & depend upon charity for one half of my daily support. (Signed) Amon Canfield. (3)

Sworn to & declared on the 5th day of April AD 1827 before the County Court for the County of Litchfield attest Frederick Wolcott, Clerk

Reccord [Record] of my family

Amon Canfield was Born sepember [September] thee 19 thee year of [our] Lord 1759.

Maribah Canfield was born November thee 21 thee year of our lord 1759.

Andrew taber was born june thee 4 in thee year of our lord 1781.

Samuel Canfield was born july 13 thee [year] of our lord 1786.

philip [Philip] Canfield was born april thee year 9 in thee year of of [sic] our lord 1790.

Fila Canfield was born july 26 thee year of our lord 1792.

Chloe Canfield was Born October the 9 the year of our lord 1795.

Susannah Canfield was Born June the 6 in the year of our lord 1798.

Rebekah Canfield was born july the 1 [the] year of our lord 1800.

End Notes—W.20832—Amon Canfield

1. Amon enlisted on May 5, 1778 for nine months in Captain Benjamin Marvin's Fourth Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. On June 2, 1778 muster roll Amon is listed "In Inoculation". Since Valley Forge, Pennsylvania is where it was dated and that is where Amon probably was at this time. On the same muster roll Captain Marvin is listed as "Resigned on April 23rd 1778". Also the Second Lieutenant Gilbert Strang had resigned on April 23, 1778. This left First Lieutenant Peter Ellsworth in command of the company. Amon is listed on the March 7th, 1779 muster roll dated at Fort Plank as "Discharged Febry 5th 1779." FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 53, National Archives, Washington, D.C. The Fourth New York was at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, which was fought on June 28, 1778 but Amon doesn't mention the battle. He may have been left behind at Valley Forge to recover from the small pox inoculation. Thomas Wilkinson in his pension application N.Y. 53573 had also enlisted in the Fourth New York on May 5, 1778 states that he was "not in any battle." Several of the nine month men that applied for a pension state they were not in any battle or say nothing other than they served in the Fourth New York.
2. Peter Regnier was the lieutenant colonel of the Fourth New York. He resigned on March 30, 1780.
3. Amon doesn't mention any other service but he served in the militia and the levies. Amon served as a private in Captain James Talmadge's Company, in Colonel Roswell Hopkins' Sixth Regiment of the Dutchess County Militia. Amon is listed in "Retained while under his Command in the year 1777 at Peekskill and for our Wages & Rations while under his command at Fishkill 1779 in the service of the United States of America, witness our hands." He was given certificate number 13290 for £ 3. . 6. . 8 which was assigned to Judah Burton. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 116, National Archives, Washington, D.C. On September 20th, 1843 Deputy Comptroller Philip Phelps stated that Amon received a Certificate on December 21st, 1781 for £20 . . 10. . 8 for service as a private in Captain Gilbert J. Livingston's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies.