

Pension Application for Stephen Chapman

W.15997 (Widow: Sarah) Married November 8, 1781. Stephen died October 5, 1837.
Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of New-Hampshire
County of Grafton SS.

On this 27th day of Augt 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Probate for s'd County now sitting, Stephen Chapman a resident of Lyme in the county of Grafton and State of N.H. aged 70 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That in the month of April in the year 1777 at Spencertown in the State of New York he enlisted into a company commanded by Captain Hawley for the purpose of joining the Continental troops at Saratoga. Marched through Albany, Lansingburgh to Saratoga where he joined the troops under the command of Genl Skuyler [Schuyler] was stationed at Saratoga about three weeks, was then dismissed and returned home to Spencertown in May the same year, having been absent from home on said tour one month.

He further states that in the month of June (he thinks about the middle of the month) in the year 1777 he entered the service as a substitute for Samuel Chapman who was drafted out of the militia in Spencertown to go on an expedition to Fort Edward to join the Northern Army (he then lived in said Spencertown) that he marched through Canterhook, [Kinderhook?] Greenbush, Albany, Lansingburgh &c to Fort Edward where he was stationed about six weeks in the company commanded by Captain Graves in the Regt command by col. Ford under Genl Skuyler, that he served the full term of six weeks, and was dismissed & returned home in the forepart of August in the same year.

He further states that in the month of September in the year 1778 at Spencertown he enlisted to go on a tour to Fort Plank in the State of New York in the company of Capt. Barnet, marched to Albany, from there to Skenectady [Schenectady] up the Mohawk River to a place called Fort Plank, where he joined a Regiment which was stationed there (the cols name he does not recollect) was alarmed and marched to Cherryvalley arrived at the Fort in Cherry Valley the next morning, after the Battle at Cherryvalley, returned back to Fort Plank, continued in the service the full term of two months, when he was dismissed and he returned home to Spencertown in the month of November the same year.

He further states that in the month of May in the year 1780 at Spencertown he enlisted into the company commanded by Captain Walter Forman for a term of seven months for the purpose of guarding the frontier in the State of New York, that he marched from Spencertown through CanterHook, Albany, Skenectady, &c to Johnstown where he was stationed & served in said company two full months, he then hired a substitute and was discharged and returned home in July the same year.

He further states that in the forepart of August in the year 1780 he enlisted at said Spencertown into a company of Militia for the term of one month (the Captains name he does not recollect, the Lieutenants name was Woodworth) that he marched through Canterhook, Albany, Skenectady, Johnstown to Stone Robie [Stone Arabia], joined the regiment commanded by Col. Lock was stationed at Stone Robie for the term of one full month, and was dismissed and returned home in the forepart of the month of Sept'r the same year.

He further states that in the month of Feb'y in the year 1781, he enlisted into a company commanded by Captain Charles Nelson (he then residing in the Town of Lyme, State of New Hampshire) for the term of one month, he marched through Oxford N.H. Bradford to Newbury VT, where he was stationed, and served the full term of one month and was dismissed and returned to Lyme in the month of March the same year.

He further states that in May 1781 he enlisted into the company commanded by said Capt Charles Nelson for the term of six months, marched from Lyme N.H. to Corinth VT and joined the Regt commanded by Col. Wait, was often out on scouting parties, helped build the Fort & Barracks at said Corinth (it being head quarters of Col. Waits Regt to which he belonged), served in said Compy & Regt the full term of six months and was regularly discharged by said Col. Wait in the month of Nov. the same year & returned home to said Lyme.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service except Solmon Dow & Danuel Hovey, whose depositions are hereunto annexed—and that the whole time he served his country in the Revolutionary War was fourteen and a half months.

He was born in the Town of Hadlyme in the State of Connecticut in June 1762.

He has no record of his age, he was informed by his parents that he was born in the month and year above stated.

He lived in Spencertown New York the four first terms mentioned in his declaration, the two last mentioned terms he lived in Lyme New Hampshire where he has lived ever since, and where he now lives.

The second term of his service he was a substitute for Samuel Chapman, the other terms of service he volunteered.

He does not recollect any officers except those above named and cannot state any other circumstances in relation to his service.

He received a discharge from Capt. Froman but it is worn out and lost, he never received any other discharge, but was dismissed by his officers when his term of service expired.

He refers to the Rev. Edix Denny & D. G. Churchill Esquires who reside in his neighborhood & can testify to his character as to veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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) Stephen Chapman

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

I Moses Dow Clerk of the Court of Probate aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of Stephen Chapman for a pension. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this twenty seventh day of August AD 1832. Moses Dow

Letter in folder dated July 18, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.15997, it appears that Stephen Chapman was born in June 1762 at Hadlyme, Connecticut.

While residing at Spencertown, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows.

From in April 1777, one month in Captain Hawley's company; from in June 1777, six weeks in Captain Jonah Graves' Company, Colonel Ford's Regiment; from in September 1778, two months in Captain Barret's Company; from in May 1780, two months in Captain Walter Froman's Company; and from in August 1780, one month in Colonel Lock's Regiment.

While residing in Lyme, New Hampshire, he enlisted and served with the New Hampshire Troops, as follows—

From in February 1781, one month in Captain Charles Nelson's Company; and from May 28, 1781, six months as a corporal in Captain Charles Nelson's Company, Colonel Benjamin Wait's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 27, 1832, at which time he was living at Lyme, New Hampshire. He died October 5, 1837.

The soldier married about November 8, 1781 (while at home on furlough), Sarah Samson or Sampson, they were both then of Lyme, New Hampshire.

She was allowed pension on her application executed January 16, 1838, at which time she was a resident of said Lyme, aged seventy-four years.

Their children were—

Levi born July 17, 1782.

Isaac born June 8, 1784.

Polly born August 2, 1786.

Laban born April 5, 1788.

Sally born July 12, 1790.

Stephen born June 9, 1792.

George born August 8, 1794.

Silas born August 30, 1796.

Sebrina born November 11, 1798.

Bethiah born October 8, 1801.

Ursla born November 11, 1803.

Alvan born March 27, 1806, died March 29, 1806.