

Pension Application for Oliver Goss

W.19526 (Widow: Rachel) Oliver was a fifer or musician. Married July 8, 1791. He died April 4, 1844 in the town of Canaan in Vermont.

State of Vermont

County of Essex SS

On this 13th day of December AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the [Hon'r?] William Gates Judge of the Court of Probate within and for the District of Essex in the County of Essex and State of Vermont now sitting Oliver Goss a resident of Canaan in the County of Essex in the District of Essex and State of Vermont aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered a company of New York Militia or State troops in the town of Hindsdale then state of New York (now called Vernon in the State of Vermont) in the forepart of the year 1777 a company was commanded by Capt. Bridgman & belonged to Col Pattersons Regt and that he continued in said Company being almost constantly on duty for the defence of the state and was compelled to be in constant readiness to march when ordered and was frequently call on for short tours of duty when there was any alarm and at one time was marched as far up Connecticut River as Hartland upon an alarm that the Indians were advancing and destroying the inhabitants and at the time of the battle at Bennington he was ordered to march for that place but did not reach there until after the battle was over, and he continued to serve in s'd company until the first of June AD 1780 when he enlisted at s'd Hinsdale in a company commanded by Capt. Nathaniel Blakely & Lieut Jonas Price and marched to Fishkill on the North River and joined Col. Malcomb's Regt and marched to West Point where he remained about two weeks then recrossed the River and marched down to Kingsferry and crossed over to Stony Point and into the State of New Jersey to a fort (but cannot now recollect the name of it, and staid there a few days and then marched back to Stoney Point and there took shipping and went up to Albany and after staying there some days marched to Schenectady up the Mohawk River and from thence to Fort Hunter and to Fort Herkimer and then staid for some time defending the inhabitants against the Indians and tories then he was detached with a guard of three hundred men under Col. Livingston and marched to Fort Plank and took a draw of one hundred head of cattle and drove them to Fort Stanwix and then staid and was engaged in defending that place from the Indians until the first of December when he was dismissed (never had any discharge) and returned home having been in the service at this time six months (but whether under one or more enlistments he cannot recollect).

They then joined again the said company of militia or state troops at s'd Hinsdale then commanded by Capt Reuben Field and subsequently by Capt. Arad Hunt and Col. John Sergents Regt in Gen. Fletchers Brigade and continued to do duty in said company until the close of the war.

He was born in Suesbury in Worcester County Massachusetts in AD 1760 he has no record of his age. He lived in Hinsdale NY (now Vernon in the State of Vermont when called into the service and lived there until sixteen years ago when he moved to Canaan in the County of Essex where he has ever since resided and now resides.

The has no documentary evidence except an old warrant from Capt. Hunt and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Oliver Goss