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New York

~~Stephen~~ ~~Webb~~ Piskey

of Smithfield in the state of New York
who was a Private in the regiment commanded
Colonel Webb of the Connecticut
line, for the term of Six years

Inscribed on the Roll of New York
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence
the 11th of April 1818

Certificate of Pension issued the 1st of July 1819
and sent to Peter Smith Esq.
Peterboro New York

Arrears to 4th of Mar. 1819	86.36
Semi-ann. all'ce ending Sep 1819	48.00
10 Mo. $\frac{20}{30}$ $\frac{4}{31}$	\$104.36

{ Revolutionary claim,
Act 18th March, 1818. }

Discontinued under
Law 1. May 1820

June 24 1834

Original in possession of the Hon. J. B. ...
... of ...
... of ...

Notice from ...
... New York
... 1820

State of New York Madison County ss Stephen
Risley of Smithfield in the County of said
County being duly sworn deposes & says
that in the Year 1777 he enlisted at East
Hartford in Connecticut he enlisted for
during the war into a Company Command
ed by Captain Ebenezer Watson in the
Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel
Webb, in the Connecticut line That
he served under the said Watson about eight
teen months & he was discharged in the
Command of said Company by Captain Sam
uel Williams to that this depo
nent continued under the Command of the
said Williams in the said Company about
two years That he was then transferred
into the Regiment of Company Command
ed by Colonel Ebenezer Huntington & that
this deponent continued in the said Company
& Regiment untill the close of the war -
That this deponent was however absent
on furlough on account of ill health &
inability to do duty for several months
previous to & at the time of the discharge
of his regiment and that his discharge
was sent to him That this deponent
was informed he was entitled to lands in
the western Country That he sold his
right to one Peter Holt & to enable him
to obtain it let him have his discharge
with a promise to return the same to the
deponent That this deponent afterward called

on said, therefore he told this deponent it
had been stolen from his portmanteau
And this deponent believes the same has
been wholly lost & destroyed

This deponent further says that he is
in reduced circumstances and ~~stands in~~
^{the assistance} needs of his country for support

Sworn & subscribed
this 11th April 1878
Before me

Stephens Sigley

W. Smith First Judge
Mad. Cty —

State of New York Madison County ss. Barzillai
Lair Northrop & John Dorrance of the
field in said County being duly sworn

do before us, & each for himself, say
as now is, for several years now last past
has been acquainted with Stephen Sigley
whose affidavit is hereto affixed that the said
Stephen Sigley is & long has been in feeble
health - That he has a sickly feeble wife
That they verily believe he is in such reduced
circumstances as to need the assistance of his
country for support

Sworn & subscribed this
24 July 1878 before me

Barzillai Northrop
John Dorrance

W. Smith First Judge
Mad. County —

State of New York

Madison County On this 7th day of October
1823 personally appeared in open Court in the
Court of Common Pleas of the County afore
said being a copy of Records in for the
County of Madison aforesaid Stephen
Bidley a resident in said County aged sixty
nine years & ten months who first being duly
sworn according to law doth on his oath
make the following declaration in order
to obtain the provisions made by the acts
of Congress of the 18th of March 1815 & the
first May 1820. That he the said Stephen
Bidley enlisted for the term of during the
war on or about the twenty third day of
March 1796 in the State of Connecticut
in the Company commanded by Captain
Watson in the Regiment commanded by
Colonel Samuel W. Webb in the line of
the State of Connecticut on the Con-
-tinental establishment that he continued
his service in said Corps until the year
1783 when he was discharged from the
said service in Fishkill in the State of
New York that his name has been placed

on the pension list and dropped therefrom
on account of his property -

And in pursuance of the act of the
first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear
that I was a resident citizen of the Uni-
ted States on the 18th 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 to diminish it as to bring my-
self within the provisions of an act of Con-
gress 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 18th
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 here
to annexed by me subscribed - I have
no real estate in law or Equity in possession
Reversion or Remainder -

Of personal property I own one old mare
18 years old worth perhaps twenty dollars

One Yearling Calf worth five dollars One
Sow of pigs buckling pigs valued at four
dollars five sheep valued at five dollars
one pot & dish Kettle one old cracked
Spider One old tea Kettle six earthen
plates four quart bowls six old knives
forks six iron spoons six old chairs two
earthen platters span of Andirons a
chest of drawers valued at two dollars
one table worth one dollar some old
barrels worth one dollar two pieces of
chain worth one dollar One slicer and
Forks worth one dollar an axe worth
fifty cents and old hoe worth twenty five
cents the articles of household furniture
just enumerated and to which no price
is affixed are worth in all about three
dollars and six cents - One wash tub
worth fifty cents three milk pails worth
fifty six cents - 6 cups & saucers 1/6 of total value
forty four dollars & six cents -

And I do further swear & declare
that I am a farmer by profession but
that I am too old & feeble in health to
pursue my occupation - I have residing in

my family a wife named boreas nearly
Seventy five years old very infirm & wholly
unable to labor a hired girl named
Caroline Mathewson to whom I am under
agreement to pay forty dollars a year aged
about Eighteen years & a boy named
Tobias Van Giles aged fourteen years
to whom I give four dollars per month
both myself & wife being unable to con-
tribute to each others support this hired
help is necessary to keep us from Starv-
-ion - I till three acres of land belonging
to Mr Garret Smith to whom I return
one half of the produce raised on the
same from which I receive a very scanty
subsistence - That since the exhibition of
my first Schedule the following changes
have been made in my property viz

In the year 1801 I purchased a lot
of One hundred acres of Allen Bile &
Meriam his wife (the original deed of
Conveyance for which is hereto annexed
situated in the town of Smithfield
and County of Madison aforesaid
then in a wild State subject to a

about 90 acres to the State of New York for
the original purchase money of three
dollars & fifty three cents per acre as it
was then estimated & for the payment
of which purchase money a bond and
Mortgage had been executed by said
Pills to the State. And he further saith
that one half of ^{the} said one hundred acres
was conveyed to this declarant in trust
for his son Stephen Risley Minia who
assigned his title therein to William
Sayles to whom this declarant on the
~~twentieth~~ day of March 1806 — conveyed
by deed the one half of said lot on
account of for the benefit of his son and
he further saith that afterwards finding
myself from declining health and
other misfortunes unable to pay for
the land (which on being resurveyed
proved to contain about fifty four acres
after deducting the aforesaid one half)
I gave a deed of the same to Joel Somner
my son in law on the 21st day of October
in the year 1817 who was to take up the

Bonds Mortgage and in Consideration
of some improvements which I had made
on the land and some small payments
of Interest the said Joel Dummer then
There gave me back a life lease of the
premises on condition of my paying
him fifteen dollars a year & building
a house 22 feet by 20 with a stoop upon
the premises which amount of rents was
verbally agreed upon between me & said
Joel but not inserted in ^{the} said lease but
after endeavoring to get a livelihood off
the estate for about four years and finding
that I could not maintain myself and
family & pay the rents I sold & transferred
the lease by delivery only to Stephen
Rusley Jenkin my son in the month of
May 1825 -

And I do solemnly declare
that I did so sell and assign the said
lease for the cause just mentioned &
no other just to enable me to obtain a
continuance of my pension heretofore
granted and at the time I made such
sale I expected to be continued on the
pension Roll to being after I made my

Statement & declaration for the purpose
of being continued thereon before I
received intelligence that I was dropped
from the list. In the Spring of 1820
while I was drawing my pension under
the act of 1818 I purchased a yoke of cattle
and a yoke of Steers on credit which
I inserted in my inventory of 1820 with
the expectation that I might be able
to pay for them but after my name
was stricken off from the pension list
all resources were cut off and I was
obliged to sell the said cattle at a
sacrifice to raise the money which I
was obligated to pay for them. Of
the two cows mentioned in the year
1820 one was killed by lightning in
April 1821 and the other I sold for
seventeen bushels of wheat for the
support of my family which had
long since been consumed. The Cattle
which I also mentioned in my schedule

of 1820 I was obliged to sell in the fall
of 1820 for necessaries in my family
doctors bills and to pay my hired girls
Of the sheep there mentioned I sold
two to Mr Garret Smith about two
months ago for wheat to support my
family and five are remaining as
above mentioned - having had much
sickness and my wife having been under
a doctors care for several years I am
still indebted to the Doctor in the sum
of Eighteen dollars fifty seven cents and
therefore considerably indebted for necess-
aries of life - The three heretofore mentioned
in my Inventory of 1820 and also the three
I mine of Digs I killed and consumed in
my family - 1 Pale Stetle broken - The rest
due of the sheep not accounted for as above
I killed and eat up in my family -
My saddle Bridle and the old plough
are worn out as also the shood & the pro-
visions I then inventoried I consumed
in my family

Stephen Pusey

March 11, 1935.

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Mr. H. F. Sturtevant
23036 Allor Boulevard
St. Clair Shores, Michigan

BA-J/ady
Stephen Risley
S.43930

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter relative to Stephen Risley, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.43930, based upon the military service of Stephen Risley in that war.

The place of birth and the names of the parents of Stephen Risley are not shown.

Stephen Risley enlisted in East Hartford, Connecticut, about March 23, 1776, or in 1777, served as private in Captains Ebenezer Watson's and Samuel William Williams' Companies, Colonel Samuel B. Webb's Connecticut Regiment and under Lieutenant Roger Welles in Colonel Ebenezer Huntington's Connecticut Regiment; was in the battles of Short Hills, Brandywine, Monmouth, received a gun shot wound through the right leg, was at the taking of Cornwallis and discharged at the close of the war in 1783.

In 1806 he was living in Cazenovia, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 11, 1818 at which time he was a resident of Smithfield, Madison County, New York. On October 7, 1823 soldier was aged sixty-nine years and ten months.

In 1820 soldier's wife, Dorcas, her maiden name not shown, was seventy years old, and his niece, Catharine Vibbert, was fifteen years old.

Soldier's son, Stephen Risley, Jr., was living in 1820, his residence and age not stated.

*Could not verify
Eberhart of Princeton, NJ
was probably James
who was in the Adair
Thompson Continental Co.
but as the ad. par
one date given as
Nov. 23, 1776 there
are Eberhart's names of
that name, may be
in Conn. Co. of
Huntington.
James P.
Mills was Cont.
from Jan 77 to 1781,
but was Cont.
in 1776 + 3
after Cont. serv. as
was Huntington's
3rd Cont., so I left
the Cont. for Mills regt.
which was unit with Cont.
at. only -
MM/18*

In 1817 soldier's son-in-law, Joel Downer, his age not stated, was living in Smithfield, New York. The name of the wife of said Joel Downer is not designated. There are no further family data.

Soldier died June 24, 1834, place not stated. *On A.B.*

This is the record of the only Stephen Risley, all spellings of the surname searched, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant to the Administrator