

Pension Application of Stephen Ford (1756-1837)

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

State of New Jersey

County of Burlington

On this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the Interior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Burlington, now sitting, Stephen Ford, a resident of the Township of Washington, formerly the township of Little Egg Harbour, and State of New Jersey aforesaid, aged seventy seven 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. This declarant was born in the Township of Little Egg Harbour in the said County of Burlington, and resided there until sometime in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five when he turned out under Captain Joseph Estell of the Militia of New Jersey, and served under him as a militia man, having volunteered to serve under him, for the space of three or four months. This declarant at this distance of time has no distinct recollection of the day or month of the year when he first entered the service, nor hath he any record or memorandum from which he can ascertain it. This declarant during this, his first tour of service was stationed for some time at the village of Slabtown in the Township of Springfield in the said County of Burlington, and was in the battle near that place. Sometime after the battle of Petticoat Bridge, between the Americans and the Hessians, while stationed at the said village of Slabtown, and at a time when this declarant was standing a sentinel, he was wounded in the knee by a Hessian. After the battle at Slabtown, and the wound in the knee, this declarant having been three or four months in service, and being disabled by his wound from active service, returned home with the permission of his said Captain.

14 May 1968

Mrs. Joseph Ashton
711 North Delaware Street
Paulsboro, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Ashton:

As requested in your letter dated 10 May 1968, there is given herein all information available in the archives of this office pertaining to the military record of the Stephen FORD specified by you, who served in the active military forces of New Jersey during period of the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783:

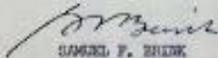
STEPHEN FORD -

Private, Captain Joseph Estell's Company, Third Regiment, Gloucester County Militia; served monthly tours in 1776 and 1777.

Marine on board the armed ship "Mifflin" under Captain John Hamilton; enlisted in Philadelphia, 1776; discharged at Charleston, South Carolina.

Was a resident of Little Egg Harbor; born in 1756; was a resident of Burlington County, New Jersey, November 5, 1833.

Very truly yours



SAMUEL F. SHUCK
Colonel, NJANG
Adjutant General

- COX, ABRAHAM. Seaman, sloop "Morning Star;" taken prisoner January, 1778; confined on prison-ship "Judith," New York harbor.
- CRAWFORD, ELEAZER. Seaman.
- EDWARDS, JOHN. Seaman.
- ENGLISH, THOMAS. Seaman, United States frigate "Alliance."
- FINNEMORE, JOHN. Seaman, sloop "Morning Star;" taken prisoner January, 1778; confined on prison-ship "Judith," New York harbor.
- FREELAND, ABRAHAM. Seaman, United States frigate "South Carolina."
- GOLDIN, JOHN. Seaman.
- LACKE, WILLIAM. Seaman, armed boat "Unity."
- LEE, THOMAS. Seaman, "Galley Effingham."
- MARTIN ALEXANDER. Seaman; also private, militia.
- SLOVER, JOHN. Seaman, United States frigate "South Carolina."
- STEELMAN, ———. Seaman; drowned February 7th, 1781, at Egg Harbor inlet.
- STEWART, ROBERT. Seaman, United States frigate "Alliance;" cook, ditto.
- STOUT, JOHN. Seaman; also private, Continental Army.
- TERRY, JOSIAH. Seaman, armed boat "Friendship;" lost leg on Delaware river, December 15th, 1781; died December 15th, 1783.

MARINERS.

- ABELL, JOHN. Mariner.
- ALLEN, SAMUEL. Mariner.
- BIGELOW, SAMUEL. Mariner.
- BROWN, DAVID. Mariner.
- CAIN, JOHN. Mariner.
- CORSON, DARIUS. Mariner.
- DAVIES, EDWARD. Mariner, United States frigate "Boston."
- DYE, WILLIAM. Mariner.
- FORD, STEPHEN. Mariner, armed boat "Mifflin."

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Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War



State of New Jersey

Distinguished Service Medal



AWARDED TO

Private & Mariner Stephen Ford

CITATION

The Governor of the State of New Jersey, Philip D. Murphy, under the authority of 38A:15-2, New Jersey Revised Statutes, posthumously awards the Distinguished Service Medal to Private & Mariner Stephen Ford for distinguished service as a Private in the militia and as a Mariner onboard the Mifflin under the command of Captain John Hamilton during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783).


Governor Philip D. Murphy

