

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY
OF THE

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Deceased
4-22-38

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State New Jersey
City Atlantic City
Name of Chapter San Lafayette

National Number 2418 13

(Miss or Mrs.) Agnes Leeds Risleu

Wife or Widow of Walton Risleu

Residence Brighton Pk Second Pleasantville New Jersey
Number Street City State

DESCENDANT OF

Jessie Steelman Private

The undersigned have investigated and approved the applicant and her application.

January 10th, 1928

Chapter Regent.

Georgina C. Blake
Chapter Registrar.

Chapter Secretary.

Application and duplicate received by National Society JAN 23 1928, 1928

Fees received by National Society 3 Jan 23, 1928

Application examined and approved AUG 30 1928, 1928

Edw. A. Shick
Registrar General.

Accepted by the National Board of Management _____, 1928

Recording Secretary General.

Endorsement for membership at large:

State Regent.

Nominated and recommended by the undersigned members of the Society. Two names of endorsers required, one of whom at least must live in the same town in which the applicant resides, provided there is a Chapter in that town. If there is no Chapter, at least one of the endorsers must be a resident in that State.

ENDORSERS

Name _____ Name _____

Residence _____ Residence _____

When filled out and properly endorsed, the application must be forwarded to the Treasurer General, N. S. D. A. R., Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D. C., with the necessary fee and dues. When approved by the National Board, one copy will be returned to the Registrar of the Chapter or to the individual, if joining At Large, and the other will be filed with the National Society.

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Any woman is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty to the cause of American Independence, served as a sailor, or as a soldier or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or in the United Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, or rendered material aid thereto; provided the applicant is personally acceptable to the Society.

Official proof of service must be furnished with the application; also references to authorities quoted, to show line of descent. *Where reference is made to unpublished or inaccessible records, the applicant must file duplicate certified copies of same.*

ANCESTOR'S SERVICES

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

*James Sullivan Sr. served
as Private in Lancaster Co.
State Troops*

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THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR D. A. R. GENEALOGIST'S NOTES

** See Lake Genealogy, p. 244, also 4th page.
* See data bound.*

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

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RECEIPT NO.

DATE 22 1972

SEARCHER

FILE DESIGNATION

ORDER FOR PHOTOCOPIES
CONCERNING VETERAN

(See reverse for explanation)

James Heekman
NO ENCLOSURE WHEN OPENED IN MAIL SECTION
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INSTRUCTIONS

Let Heekman, Sept 32

6975
New Jersey

James Heekman

in the State of New Jersey
who was a Private in the Campaign commanded
by Captain Towner of the Reg. commanded
by Col. Towner in the New Jersey
line for 2 years & more Private \$60.00

Described on the Roll of New Jersey
at the rate of 50 Dollars Cents per annum,
to commence on the 14th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 11 day of March
1837 and sent to Hon. R. H. Cooper
Trenton, N. J.

was to the 14th of March 1833 \$160.00
monthly allowance ending 11 Feb -- 40.00

\$200.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Vinal Luce Clerk,
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Know all Men by these Presents, THAT

I, Rebecca Francis of the City of New York, only daughter and joint-heir at law of James Steelman deceased have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make constitute, and appoint D. S. Browne of said City my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, place, and stead to ask and receive from the Government of the United States of of any officer thereof duly authorized to act in this matter by virtue of his office, information in regard to the enlistment, service and rank of my late Father James Steelman who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was a Pensioner of the United States Pension payable at Trenton N.J. and who died at Great Egg Harbour N.J. on or about the month of Sept 1834 leaving no widow and but two children giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully, to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or his substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Scaled and delivered in the presence of
D. S. Browne

Rebecca Francis
mark

State of New York }
County of New York } ss.

Be it known, That on the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty two before me, William H. Browne a Notary Public in and for the State of New York, duly commissioned and sworn, dwelling in the City of New York personally came Rebecca Francis known to me to be the person described in and who presented to me and acknowledged the above Letter of Attorney to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.
W. H. Browne
Notary Public

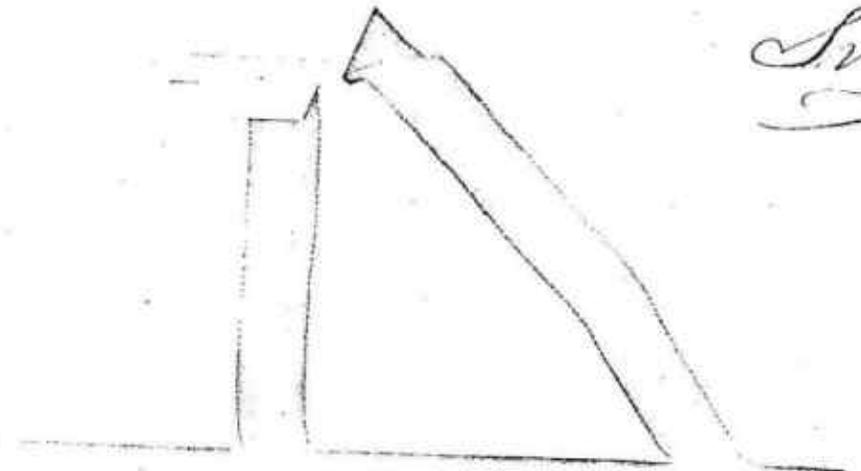
I Michael C Fisher one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of
Common Pleas of the County of Gloucester do hereby certify
that I believe the ~~same~~ within named Thompson Price
whose affidavit was taken before ^{me} to be a credible witness
and that his affidavit is entitled to full credit and
belief

Witness my hand this twenty fifth day of February
A D one thousand eight hundred and thirty three
Michael C Fisher

I John C Smallwood Clerk of the Inferior Court of Com-
mon Pleas of the County of Gloucester do hereby certify
that Michael C Fisher Esquire before whom the within
affidavit was taken, is one of the Judges of the Inferior
Court of Common Pleas of Gloucester County, and that
the name "Michael C Fisher" subscribed thereto is
the proper hand writing of him the D Michael C Fisher

Witness my hand and seal of office
this twenty fifth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and thirty three

Smallwood CLK

State of New Jersey Gloucester County. On this twenty first
day of February A^d eighteen hundred and thirty three. Before the
Subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common
Pleas in and for the County aforesaid. personally came
James Somers, who being duly affirmed according to Law
upon his solemn affirmation sajetta, that he well recol-
lects the Egg Harbor Guards - that they were a Body of
troops in the service of, and paid by the then Colony of
New Jersey - were detached for the protection of the Coast
from Cape Island to Sandy Hook - that the Inhabitants there
of were in constant danger from parties of the Enemy landing
and carrying off provisions, and doing other injuries, in con-
junction with the Refugees who frequented that part
of the Country - that this affirmant distinctly recollects
that James Steelman served in this Corps - He knows
that the said James served therein at least two years
and verily believes that he must have served as
much as three years. Not from inability to recollect
Dates he will not affirm positively to so long. He knows
of the service of the said James in the said Corps, from
having frequently seen him on duty, and having served
for some time with him in the Corps - he has seen him
working at two Bats which were erected at the mouth
of Egg Harbor river near where this affirmant lived
and knows of his absence from home, when the Corps
was encamped elsewhere, and that said James reported to
be with it - That David Somers, John Jeffries, Mr Beaton
James ~~Somers~~ Steelman & Josephus Steelman were how
ever all their lives within two miles of this affirmant
and all served together in the Guards - He recollects
that Colo Richard Somers & Robert Taylor and Capt John
Somers, Samuel & Robert Snell, were officers in the Guards.
This

affirmant cannot tell ⁱⁿ what year the said James performed the service above mentioned - He does not recollect Dates and will not undertake to affirm there to - This affirmant is now upwards of seventy one years old, was born and has lived all his life time at some point were much of the service spoken of was done and further this ^{affirmant} ~~affirmant~~ scith not

affirmed & subscribed

before me the Date above

James Somers

Michael C Fisher

I Michael C Fisher one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Gloucester - before whom the within affidavit was taken, Do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with this affirmant James Somers. that he is a wealthy and respectable Citizen of this County, and that his affidavit is entitled to full credit and belief

Witness my hand this twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty three

Michael C Fisher

I John C Smallwood Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Gloucester, Do hereby certify, that Michael C Fisher Esquire, before whom the above affidavit was taken, is one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of said County, duly commissioned and affirmed. And that the name "Michael C Fisher" thereto subscribed is the proper hand writing of the said Michael C Fisher

Witness my hand and seal of office this twenty fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Smallwood Clerk

State of New Jersey }
County of Gloucester } ss.

On this Fifteenth day of October A. D. One thousand eight hundred, and Ninety two personally appeared, in open Court, before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Gloucester, now sitting, James Steitman, a resident of the said County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, of or said age 74 years on the 14th. day of July, last, who being 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 7th. 1832, entitled "An Act Supplementary to an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Revolution."

That he rendered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as here stated

In October 1775 I entered the service of the United States in Capt. Somers' Company and Col. Richard Somers' Battalion, we went at Absecon in the County of Gloucester on Parade, from there crossed over to Virginia Beach, and attacked and took prisoners, the Transport, Rebecca & Frances, a Ship, I think of 20 Guns, then lying in the surf in about 2 or 3 fathoms water we saw some provisions and, I think, a few of his guns, sails, rigging and whatever else was valuable. I think we took 51 prisoners in all, from her. They were taken to Philadelphia to prison. We did but little other service during that time. Was discharged after one Months service.

The March 1976 letter contains the letter again, in-
the same Office at Henry Street, not New-
York, and mentions the Henry Street, New York
Office and was dated.

The June 1976 letter again in the same
Office and was passed into the Bureau, on

being a report also taken to Walter, under both
names although the Bureau-Steinberg
was not employed in obtaining the rich letter
by Jack John. It is said that we had
reference of 3 or 4 years to last when they had
the poor among them - it was in the same
last month. We brought the rich man to
Washington and advised them on the Bureau
how and how exchanges, that the Bureau

the activity of Bureau was rich man &
the Bureau - that it from the Bureau
The December 1976 letter contains the
the Bureau under Capt. John Seal and
Federal William. The Bureau at Albany
and mentions the Bureau, Albany
Bureau, in the County of Albany, Albany, New
York, about a party of about 1000
others, to act as guard at Albany Street and
Albany Street, on the Albany, Albany Street.

Albany, the new route by the Bureau, in the
Albany, the Bureau to the Albany, Albany
Albany, to act as guard at Albany Street and
Albany Street, on the Albany, Albany Street.

advanced on to Morris Town, in Burlington County, where we learned that our troops had passed through that place to Mount Holly, where we joined them. We remained at Mount Holly several days, were quartered in the Quaker Meeting house. The weather was very stormy. We marched from there to Cooper's Creek. Near Cooper's Ferry, at a place then called Spicers Bridge, now Cooper's Creek lower Bridge, we had a smart engagement with a detachment of the British troops. The firing brought over a reinforcement from Philadelphia when we were obliged to retreat, the British loss was very considerable; ours was trifling. We marched to Haddonfield that night there were several other companies with us at the battle, but I cannot recollect many of the officers.

I remember that Capt. Cressy commanded the Cape May company Col. Joseph Ellis was at the battle General Wayne was there and I think Gen. Pulaski, I think he had his horse killed at the battle of Spicers Bridge.

In March 1778 I was entered in Capt. Snell's company, and Col. Taylor's Battalion, the company passed at Mays Landing in the county of Gloucester and marched from there to the Forks of Little Egg Harbour river and from there to Cham Town, now Tuckerton, in Burlington County, a place much infested by Tories and Refugees. We found them too strong for us and were obliged to return without attacking them - served one month and was discharged.

In September 1778 I entered the service under Capt. Samuel Snell & Col. Bowers

took out what was valuable and then set her
on fire

Robert

I recollect that in May or June 1778
I was entered as a volunteer and served a month
under Capt. Snell and Col. Taylor we quartered
at Somers Point, in the Guard House. During this
time we took 40 or 50 Refugees, prisoners and
their Captains; Turner and Hewlings after
marching them about a mile we lodged
them in a house under a guard and went
in pursuit of their Boats, and the remainder
of their company. During our absence
they rose on the Guard, but those left to
secure them, but were subdued and till
we took one of their Boats but the other
escaped. We then marched them to Mays-
Landing, about 10 miles from whence they
were sent to Philadelphia, to prison
I think that both of the Captains Hewlings
and Turner escaped from the Guard on
the passage.

I did not go out again
during the war, there was no enemy
in the neighbourhood

I was born in the Township of
Eggharbour County of Gloucester, New
Jersey, on the 14th day of July 1758. I
have no Record of my age, I was living
in the Township of Eggharbour when
called into service, and have lived
there ever since. I was drafted once
and after that I always volunteered
when called into service

I saw Col Procter at Leeds
Point and Somers Point, he laid out

out the Fort at the latter place. I
saw Gen Wayne at Mount Holly, I
saw Gen Washington at Trenton, he
rode on a Grey Horse, I saw Proctor
Regiment of Artillery at Little Egg
harbour at Leeds Point he fired at
the British Gallies as they were going
down the River, Gen Wayne had
100 Troops at Mount Holly and
Gen Washingtons Army was at Tren-
ton, when I was there.

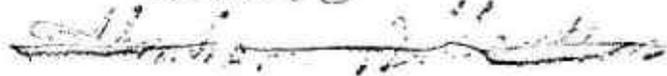
I never received a written
discharge, but one, that was from
Capt Ashbridge, my horse was
burnt many years ago, this paper
and every thing I had was burnt
at the time which was in 1793.

I am acquainted with Major
John Russell Lydon Leeds, Daniel
Baker, Honble Rich^d M Cooper
James Mattack Esquire, Jacob
Glover Esquire and others in my
County and neighbourhood.

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 —

Witness my hand & subscribed at
Leeds 15th 1832 in
open Court
Ephraim Miller

his
James Steelman
mark



The State Smith and General Glover
 regarding the economy of Government
 were very do hereby certify that
 we are well acquainted with James
 Freeman who has subscribed and
 given to the above association that
 we believe him to be seventy four
 years of age, that he is a native and
 believes in the neighborhood where
 he resides to have been a former
 of the Revolution, and that we
 believe in that opinion
 James Freeman
 15 Oct 1832
 James Freeman

James Freeman

James Freeman

that the said Court do find
 by their said opinion, after the investigation
 of the matter, and after putting the same
 into consideration by the said Court
 that the above named applicant was a
 free man, and does in the state, and
 the Court further certify that it appears to them
 from their said opinion, that the said
 applicant in the said County of Worcester was
 in right of his own estate, the former
 holding the office of Sheriff and the latter of
 Sheriff in the said County of Worcester
 Attention is called to the fact that
 James Freeman

The State of New Jersey, Gloucester Co. 18
On the fifteenth day of October
A D 1832 before me the subscriber one
of the Judges of the Superior Court of
Common Pleas of the County of Gloucester
personally appeared David Somers of the
said County, aged seventy five years
and upwards, who being duly sworn
according to law, saith that he is
well acquainted with James Steelman
and knew him before and during
the War of the Revolution That he
well remembers that the said James
Steelman did a great deal of service
during the said War; because he and
this deponent served most of the time
under the same Officers and in the
same Company - the first tour of
duty, they served ^{together} was on Brigantine
Beach in the County of Gloucester in
a Company commanded by Capt
John Somers (father of this deponent)
in Col Richard Somers' Battalion in
the Month of October 1775. this service
lasted one Month, and during the
time we took a Ship called "The
Rebecca & Francis", she was a Trans-
port ship of 20 Guns, she had got
aground in the Surf, and the men
were obliged to leave her we took
them prisoners as they came ashore,
they amounted to 50 or thereabouts,
The next service which they
performed together was at Somers
Point.

Point in Gloucester County in March 1776, this service was in the same Company and same Battalion as the first mentioned service, that is Capt Somers and Col Rich^d Somers, Battalion lasted one month.

The next service they performed together was in the Month of June 1776 at the same place under the same Officers, this service lasted one month and we were discharged.

The next service they performed together was in the Month of March 1778 under Capt Sam^l Snell in Col^l Robert Taylor's Battalion, the Company marched at Mays Landing and Marched from there to the Forks of Little Egg Harbour River, from there to a place then called Claim Town now Tucker in Burlington County, where we had a flight Skirmish with the Tories and Refugees, they were too strong for us, and we were obliged to retreat, this service lasted one month, when we were discharged.

The next service they performed together was in a Company Commanded by the same Capt Snell, in Col^l Somers Battalion we marched to Chesnut Point, where we joined Col^l Proctors Regiment of Artillery, we remained there about three Weeks and then marched to Somers Point where we built two small Posts, that

were laid out by Lieut Proctor, this
service lasted two months

The next service that they
performed together was in what
was called "the log harbour guard"
in a company commanded by Capt
Sam^d Snell in Col^l Taylor's Regiment
Lieut^l Somers who formerly commanded
this Regiment had gone to Philad^a,
this service commenced in the latter
part of October, I think it was on
the 25 of October 1778 that we entered
the service and continued until
October 1781. When we were discharged.

And this Affirmant further saith
that he remembers that the said
James Steedman was out in the
Month of December 1777 in a Com-
pany commanded by Capt John Scull
in Col^l Hillinans Regiment, he remembers
this, because Capt Sculls Company ^{lived} re-
capt Raper's Company in which last
Company this deponent served, and
this deponent remembers to have
seen the said James Steedman in
Capt Sculls Company, before he left
Hudsonfield or on the road home, is
not certain which, and further
this deponent saith not -

From the subscribed
Octob. 15 1782
Christian Miller

David Somers

The State of New Jersey Gloucester Co
On the fifteenth day of October 1832
before me the subscriber One of the Judges
of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of
the County of Gloucester, personally
appeared John Jeffries Sen^r aged
Seventy five years and upwards who
being duly sworn according to Law
saith he has heard the foregoing
Affidavit of David Somers read over
and that he remembers that the
said James Steelman performed all
the services mentioned in that affi-
davit except the first on Brigantine
Beach and the services in December
1777 under Capt John Scull, these
services he does not remember, but
the other services he does remember
because this deponent and the said
James Steelman was out at the same
times and places and performed the
same services

Sworn & subscribed
at 15 1832
Ephraim Miller

John Jeffries

State of New Jersey Gloucester Co
On the 15th of October 1832
before me the subscriber One of the
Judges of the Inferior Court of Common
Pleas of the said County, personally
appeared Zephaniah Steelman aged
about seventy two years, and William
Dawson

Deaston aged seventy six years, who being severally duly sworn according to law, upon their respective oaths declare and say, that they are both of them well acquainted with James Steelman and know him during the Revolutionary War, that they remember that the said James Steelman served in the said War in a Company commanded by Capt John Scull in Col Stillmans Regiment and that he was in an engagement at Spicers Bridge, not far from Philadelphia, in Gloucester County New Jersey because these deponents served in the same Company at the time, and were in the engagement with him, and saw him there.

Sworn & subscribed Ephraim Miller ^{his} Steelman
 Oct 15th 1832 _{mark}

Ephraim Miller } William ^{his} Deaston
_{mark}

Gloucester^s. I John C Smallwood Clerk Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County do hereby Certify that Ephraim Miller Esquire before whom the foregoing Affidavits appear to have been taken was at the doing thereof one of the Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas duly Commissioned and affirmed, and that the signature of the said Judge thereto subscribed is genuine
 Witness my hand and seal of office this 15th day of October 1832
 Smallwood CLK

J. Ephraim Miller one of the Judges
of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of
the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify
that I am acquainted with David Somers
John Jefferys sen. Zephaniah Steelman and
William Beaston, who have subscribed &
sworn to the preceding affidavits (which
affidavits were made before me) they
are all of them Citizens of this County
and persons of credibility, and their affi-
davits are entitled to full faith and credit
Witness my hand January 8th 1833
Ephraim Miller

Gloucester County N. J. On the twenty first
day of January A. D. 1833 before me Ephraim
Miller one of the Judges of the Inferior
Court of Common Pleas of said County
personally appeared James Steelman
the same person who has subscribed and
promote the foregoing Declaration, who
being duly sworn according to Law
said that the whole length of time
that he served in the Revolutionary war
and whilst in a Regular Organized Corps
was four years during which time
he served as a private, in the following
Companies to wit -

Three months in a company commanded by
Capt John Somers in the Somers Battalion.
Two months in a company commanded by
Capt Aaron Ashbridge; during this period I
was engaged in attending the sick in the

also, It was at the time that Gen^l Washington
 Army was at Trenton. —
 One Month in a company commanded by
 Capt^l M^r Scull in Col^l Stearns Regt
 One month in a company commanded by
 Capt^l Sam^l Snell in Col^l Taylors Regt
 One Month in a company commanded by
 Capt^l Badcock in Col^l Somers Regt
 Two months in a company commanded by
 Capt^l Samuel Snell in Col^l Somers Regt.
 Two months under Capt^l Robert Snell in
 Col^l Rich^d Somers Regiment, during this
 service Capt^l Snell was killed by one of his
 own men who was standing Guard, Capt^l
 Snell having Refused to give the Countersign
 in my declaration. I mentione^d fearing
 but one Month under Capt^l Robert Snell
 the service of the other ^{two} I have forgot^{ten}
 how until after my declaration was
 made out — and three years in what
 was called "The Egg Harbour Guard" and
 for which service of four years this
 document claims a pension

From & subscribed
 the date above before

Ephraim Miller

James & Stearns
 Clerk

Gloucester County

I John C. Smallwood Clerk of the Court of
 Common Pleas of said County, do certify
 that Ephraim Miller Esquire before
 whom the above affidavit was made
 is one of the Judges of the said Court
 of Common Pleas, duly commissioned &
 affirmed, and the signature of said Judge is
 genuine, Witness my hand this 21st day of 1832
 Smallwood Clerk



