

## Pension Application for Elijah Adams

S.11942

State of New York  
Rensselaer County SS.

On this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy; now sitting Elijah Adams a resident of the City of Troy in the County of Rensselaer & State of New York aged seventy nine 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 & served as hereinafter stated.

Colonel Stephen I. Schuyler (1), Lieutenant Henry K. Van Rensselaer (who succeeded Col. Schuyler in his command) and Major John Fonda.

Company officers, Captain Henry Gardinier (2) who was succeeded by Captain, Christopher Tillman (3), (who was afterward succeeded in the command of the company by Capt. Henry Danker) Lieutenant Jonathan Severs, Ensign John Clark, Oderly Sergeant George Boyes.

That he entered the service under the above named officers as a private & volunteer in or about the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy-six. And that the same year he received the appointment of sergeant, and that he continued in the service of the United States until the close of the war.

That immediately after his enrollment he was marched to Fort Ann by the way of Saratoga & Fort Edward and served in that tour one month.

That in the Spring of (1777) in February he enlisted in the bateau service under Captain John Cole (4) for ten months—That he was engaged from the time he enlisted until the river opened in cutting timber which was used in building fortifications, and after the river opened they were engaged in boating on the north river, and that he continued in that service. Three months, when he procured another person to take his place who served out his time.

That in the spring of the year (1778) he was engaged with William Iver & others on the Island between Troy & Albany in putting up fish for the army six weeks.—

That in the fall 1778 in September he again entered the same company & regiment, and that he was selected together with a number from his regiment, and the regiment of Col. Philip Schuyler, and were placed under the command of Col. Schuyler, and were marched to Beaverdam, and assisted in recovering the people from that place to Greenbush in Rensselaer County and was out on that tour one month.

That in the year 1779 he went one tour to Fort Edward and was out three weeks—

That in the year 1779 he also went one tour to Saratoga & was out three weeks—That he went another to Saratoga and he thinks in the year 1780 and was out one month.

That in the year 1782 he was also marched as far as Hoosick and served two weeks.

The year Cornwallis was defeated, 1781, he went as far as Schenectady and served two weeks.

That in the year 1778 immediately after he got thro putting up fish he was put on the watch on the North river—Station from Lansingburgh to Schodack, and that he served on that watch three months.—

And that he served all the time after he left the bateau service as a private.

Answer to the interrogatories—proposed by the War department.

1. That he was born in Hartford County, State of Connecticut on our about the tenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three.
2. That he has now in his possession a record of his age.
3. That at the time he entered the service of the United States, he resided in what is now called the City of Troy and that he has ever since the revolution, and does now reside in the City of Troy, County of Rensselaer & State of New York.
4. That he volunteered
5. That he recollects Colonels Gansvoort and Van Schaick (5), of the regular line—and Colonels Philip Schuyler and Peter Yates (6) of the Militia. That his quarters were at Lansingburgh, and that he kept himself ready at all times to be called out into service—and that when he was at home and not engaged in service abroad he was frequently out on scouting expectations.
6. That he never received a written commission or discharge and that he has no documentary evidence.
7. That he is known in his present neighborhood to George Tibbits, Jeremiah Danchy, Stephen Warren and others who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

That he never was in any battle.

That there is no clergyman residing in his vicinity of the said Elijah Adams who is sufficiently acquainted with him to certify in his behalf.—

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) Elijah Adams

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Ball, Clerk

End Notes—S.11942—Elijah Adams

1. Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler of the Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Colonel Schuyler resigned on March 26, 1781. The other officers were: Lieutenant-Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer, First Major Philip DeFreest and second Major John J. Fonda.
2. Captain Henry H. Gardineer of the Second Company. Christopher Tillman was the First Lieutenant under Captain Floris Banker of the Seventh Company under Colonel Schuyler
3. Christopher Tillman was commissioned Captain on 28 May 1778 as Captain Banker was promoted to Second Major and Major Fonda was promoted to First Major. The other officers in Captain Tillman's Company were First Lieutenant Jonathan Seever, Second Lieutenant Henry Denker, and Ensign John Clark.
4. This service would have been in the Quartermaster Department and usually was considered a civilian working for the military and not as a military enlistment. I haven't seen a Captain John Cole listed for the bateaux service for 1777 but Captain John Clute is listed.