

Pension Application for Asahel Alford

S.45184

State of Ohio

Portage County SS

On this 22nd day of Sept 1819 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County Personally appeared Asahel Alford aged fifty eight years resident in said County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on doth on [sic] his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

That he the said Asahel Alford enlisted for the term of three years in the month of Jany 1777 in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Capt Moses Ashley of the Regimnt commanded by Colonel Joseph Voars in the lien of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the first of Jany 1780 when he was discharged from service at the highlands on Hudsons River in the State of New York that he was in the battles of taking of Burgoyne, Monmouth and Long Island. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Sworn to and declared by me the day and year aforesaid. Elias Harman, Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated September 8, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Asabel Alford, a pensioner of Columbia, Herkimer County, New York, in 1840.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.45184, based upon service of Asabel Alford in the Revolutionary War.

Asahel Alford enlisted in Becket, Massachusetts, January 1, 1776, served as private in Captain Moses Ashley's company, Colonel John Paterson's Massachusetts regiment, was at the Cedarson the St. Lawrence River where he was taken prisoner, was held about ten days and exchanged; he enlisted January 1, 1777 and served three years as private in Captain Moses Ashley's company, Colonel Joseph Bose's Massachusetts regiment and was discharged a the Highlands, New York State. During his service, he was in the battle No. 2 when General Burgoyne was taken in the battle of Long Island No. 1 and also at Monmouth, No. 3.

Asahel Alford was allowed pension on his application executed September 22, 1819, at which time he resided in Sharon, Portage County, Ohio; he gave his age then as fifty-eight years, but did onto state the date and place of his birth, nor the names of his parents.

In May 1822, the soldier had moved from Ohio to Columbia, Herkimer County, New York. His family at that time consisted of his wife, Lydia, aged sixty-two years,

and a daughter, Melinda, aged about thirty years; the maiden name of the soldier's wife, the date and place of their marriage, and names of any other children are not shown. This pensioner died June 25, 1853; one Alonso Ellwood was referred to as administrator of the soldier's estate in 1855.

In 1819, Elijah Alford was a resident of Sharon, portage County, Ohio, he stated that he was intimately acquainted with Asahel Alford from his youth and was a near neighbor, but he did not state any relationship between them.