

Pension Application for Eleazer Alvord

S.29585

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of Massachusetts

County of Hampshire SS.

On this eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Probate of the said Country, Eleazar Alvord a resident of Northhampton in the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, aged 70 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1780, with Capt Soper, and served in the Continental regiment of the Massachusetts line, under the following named officers:

1st. Captain Sopers, Lieut Smith (he thinks) Col. Demott's Regiment, Genl Poor's brigade. A requisition having been made for a certain number of men from Northampton, he went with others voluntarily into the service & mustered at South Hadley or Springfield under Col. Woodbridge, marched westerly through Litchfield under a Lieutenant to West Point. Alvord in hundred & seventy five marched from Springfield.

At Litchfield the number increased to 2 or 3 thousand. Having been about 3 weeks at West Point in a company the Captain of which was absent on a furlough in Col. Marshall's regiment, he was transferred to accompany of Infantry of picked men under Capt. Sopers aforesaid, in Col. Demotts regiment aforesaid, who was a very large man. He served in his company about one month in the Jerseys, in the English neighborhood so called.

He was then transferred to the Commissary department under Robertson or Robinson, & assisted in getting stores to the army. Being a good [?] he acted as clerk sometimes in the press of his business, but this was in addition to his other duties & services. He was in the Jerseys till the army went into winter quarters at West Point in December. It snowed immediately after.

He enlisted in June for 6 months, but served longer & till he was discharged which was the latter part of February, he thinks, but cannot recollect precisely. He was in winter quarters he knows a long time. He received a written discharge at West Point which was in the keeping of his master William Pomeroy, a Clothier at Northampton.

2d In 1778 in August he entered the militia service for 2 months & served 2 months & eight days more by request of the Colonel, in Capt Cook's Company. Col. Porter's regiment & marched through Springfield, Windham to Norwich thence on board a sloop to New London there stationed.

He has a record of his age in a family register. Was born Sept 8th 1761 at Northampton. Lived in Northampton when called into service. Eli Edwards of Northampton & Simeon Clapp of Northampton were in the same service in the term

first above stated & served six months, but not in the same regiment with said Alvord. He saw them often & has always known them. Simeon Clapp Of Northampton & Elias Root of Williamsburgh & Jonas Clark of Northampton were in the second term of service same company & served [blocked with another piece of paper.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) Eleazor Alvord.

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Hinckley, Judge of Probate.