

Pension Application for Israel Buck

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State of New York
Allegany County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Allegany, Israel Buck who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

Viz—For one month I served as a private in the year 1777—For two months as a private in the year 1778—For three months as a private in the year 1779, and for such service I claim a pension.
(Signed with his mark) Israel Buck

Sworn & subscribed this 23d day of October 1833 before me. Henry Miller, J.P.

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On this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Allegany now sitting, Israel Buck a resident of the Town of Anglica in the said County of Allegany and State of New York aged seventy 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 9th 1832.

That he entered service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz—

That in the year 1777 about the time Burgoyne surrendered he was drafted in the militia service for one month in the company commanded by Captain Barker in the regiment commanded by Colonel Southerland & Major Freeman, and they were under the command of General Clinton—he continued in the service until the expiration of the time for which he was drafted, when he was dismissed.

That in the summer of the year 1778 he was again drafted into the militia for one month in the company commanded by Captain Humphrey in the regiments of Colonel Hopkins under the command of General Glover and he was stationed a part of the time at West Point.

That in the fall of the same year he was again in the militia service under the command of Captain Samuel Waters in the regiment of Colonel Newkirk and was on an expedition against the Indians to Minisink.

That in the year 1779—he was again in the service in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Noah Wheeler in the regiment of Colonel Hopkins, and that he was in the service at this time upwards of three months.

He has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to service.

That Nicholas Shyser & Samuel Shyser have known him a number of years, and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He was born in the Town of Sharon in the County of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut on the first day of May in the year 1762—

He has no record of his age.

He never received a written discharge from the service.

When he was first called into the service he was living in the Town of America in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York—that he removed to the County of Madison where he lived about two years—and then to the County of Rensselaer [sic] where he lived about six years. And then to the Town of Pike in the County of Allegany in the said State of New York – and from there he was taken to

the Poor house in the Town of Angelica in the said County of Angelica in the said County of Allegany where he still remains – that he is a very feeble old man and not able to labour and that he has no relatives upon whom he can depend for support.

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. (Signed) Israel Buck

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. W. Shemnan, Clerk.

Letter in file dated June 23, 1904, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your inquiry, you are advised that Israel Buck, residing at Angelica, New York, applied for pension October 30, 1832, alleging that he was born May 1, 1762, at Sharon, Connecticut, and that he enlisted in October, 1777, in Dutchess County, New York, and served one month as a private under Captain Barker and Colonel Southerland; one month in summer of 1778, under Captain Humphrey and Colonel Hopkins; one month in fall of 1778, under Captain Waters and Colonel Newkirk, and three months in 1779, under Noah Wheeler and Colonel Hopkins. No battles mentioned. His claim was allowed.