

Pension Application for Ebenezer Canfield

W.5245 (Widow: Polly Frear) Married to Ebenezer in Walton NY May 11, 1819 by Ichabod Bartlett a Justice of the Peace. Ebenezer died at Unadilla, Otsego County September 9, 1849.

B.L.Wt.35843-160-55. A widow Elizabeth also allowed pension but was dropped from the roll, see within.

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 15th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Com'n Pleas of General Sessions of the peace in & for the County of Otsego now sitting Ebenezer Canfield la resident of the Town of Otego in the County of Otsego aged sixty four 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 on the 7th June 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated viz. That on the 1st of October 1777 he engaged as a substitute for Titus Canfield on a Tour of three months in Capt'n Rosecrance's Comp'y in Colo. Brinkerhoof's Regiment New York Militia guarding various places on the North river—

That he was with Gen'l Putman at Peekskill Hollow when Fort Montgomery was taken by the British—that he served out said 3 months & returned home—

That one the first of June 1781 he enlisted as FishKill State of New York and was mustered by Capt'n Godwin for six months and was put into Captain Thompsons Company in Colo Wisenfelts Regiment and went to West Point from thence said Regiment went to the Northward but the said Company to which he belonged was selected and ordered to Orange Town State of New Jersey and was stationed at Orange Town guarding the lines &c while the main army went to the south.—

That while at Orange Town they had frequent skirmishes with small parties from the enemy – in one of which Sergeant Wood was kil'd and five men taken prisoners from Capt'n Thompsons Company—

That he was discharged at Orange Town in Decemb'r following by said Capt'n Thompson after serving out said six months—

That about the first of April 1782 he was drafted at Nine Partners in Dutchess County of the term of nine months and served in Capt'n Doges Company in Colo Phillip VanCourtlands Regiment—That they went to the Highlands on the North River—thence into the State of New Jersey doing usual Camp duty and building [?] &c and was discharged at Ringwood in New Jersey on the last day of Dec'r or 1st of January following by Colo. VanCourtland which discharge he carry's home & don't remember to have seen it since—

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his said services.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is ;not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Ebenezer Canfield
Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathroop, Clerk.

The court then examined the said applicant & put the questions prescribed by the War Department to him under oath—to which he gave the following answers to wit. That he was born in Bedford in Westchester County New York in the year 176? [blurred]—that he has a record of it at home in his Bible taken from his Father's record.—That he lived at Fishkill and at Nine Partners when call'd into the service—that he lived in Orange County about twenty years after the war and that since that he has lived in Otsego in the County of Otsego where he now resides—that was drafted and enlisted once and went as a substitute once in the place of Titus Canfield that he names of person in the neighborhood where he resides who can testify as to his character for veracity and belief of service as a soldier are Ashael Packard Esquire—Ransoms Hunt—Thads R. Austin Esqr, Blakles is entitled to credit. J. O. Mosse, E.Froats, S. Page, Judges.

Letter in folder dated Jan. 14, 1907, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 4th instant and received in this Bureau on the 5th, you are advised that from the papers in claim widow's File #5245 it appears that Ebenezer Canfield was born at Bedford, Westchester county, New York, and resided at Fishkill, New York when he first enlisted and served in the New York troops as follows: from October 1, 1777 in captain Rosecranse's company, Colonel Brinkerhoff's regiment for three months: June 1, 1781 in Captain Thompson's company, Colonel Weissenfiel's regiment for six months, and while a resident of Nine Partners, New York, enlisted April 1, 1782 in Captain Dodge's company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's regiment and served nine months.

He was allowed pension on an application executed October 15, 1832 at which time he was a resident of Otego, Otsego county, New York, and sixty-four (changed from sixty-nine) years of age.

Soldier married at Walton, New York, May 11, 1812, Polly Frear as his second wife. He again married at Otego, New York, October 23, 1841, Elizabeth Bovee (widow) and died at Unadilla, New York, September 9, 1849.

Elizabeth Canfield was allowed pension, but dropped from the rolls on the ground that she was not lawfully married to the soldier, and the pension was granted to Polly (Frear) Canfield on satisfactory proof that she was the legal widow of the soldier, and on her application executed December 14, 1854, at which time she was sixty-eight years of age and a resident of Walton, New York.

David Canfield Ester Canfield and Mrs. Tracy, children of soldier and his first wife (whose name is not stated), are the only children mentioned in the case.