

## Pension Application for Elisha Champlin or Champlain

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State of New York  
Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess now sitting Elisha Champlain a resident of the town of Beekman in said County and State aged eighty years on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July last past, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That this deponent was born in the Town of Beekman in the County and State aforesaid on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1752. That this deponent has a record of his age in his family Bible.

That this deponent has always resided in the Town of Beekman aforesaid and entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 under the following named officer and served as herein stated, that he enlisted in the State Troops under Capt. William Clark of the Minute Service sometimes called the Ranging Service and served under him in this capacity for Four Months.

In the year 1778 this deponent enlisted in the Company of Capt. Francis West of the United States Troops and marched to Fishkill and from thence was ordered to West Point and served to the best of deponent's recollection for about Three Months. Capt. Wests company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. James Vanderburgh, but Col. Benjamin Birdsell was the officer at West Point.

The same year this deponent went to Fishkill as a volunteer and served one month, under Capt. Thomas Lee performing Guard Duty.

In the year 1789 this deponent was placed as a guard over the Military Stores in the town of Beekman under the command of Major Tucker and served from about the 10<sup>th</sup> of March until near the last of September of the same year.

In the year 1778 this deponent was drafted out of the Regiment commanded by Col. James VanDerburgh of said County for nine months, and this deponent employed a substitute by the name of Thomas Champlain and paid him thirty dollars in specie.

And this deponent says that Isaac Simpson of the town of Union Vale in said County is the only witness who can testify to deponent's service in the Revolutionary War whose affidavit is hereto annexed, that this deponent has no documentary evidence of his services, that this deponent 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.

Deponent further says that Ludlow VanDerburgh, Esqr Doct Wheeler Gilbert, Doct Egbert Cary and Gilbert Knox, of the town of Beekman can testify to deponents character for truth and veracity deponent says that there is no clergyman in his vicinity and that he is obliged to obtain the certifiacy of other respectable gentleman in his neighborhood.

This deponent further says that he never received any written discharge from the service that he has always resided in the town of Beekman and now resides there. (Signed) Elisha Chaplin.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year above mentioned. Henry J. Traver, Clerk