

Pension Application for Ebenezer Chase

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State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Orange Ebenezer Chase a resident of the Town of Newburgh in the County of Orange aforesaid 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 provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or eighty in a company of regulars commanded by Captain Passey and served in the Regiment of the Continental line under the following officers.

About the fifteenth day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or eight deponent by reason of long continued illness and bodily debility cannot now recollect which deponent resided in the Town of Newburgh then County of Ulster now county of Orange and enlisted as a substitute for a class of eight men who were bound to furnish a [?] from their class for the regular army or stand a draft. In preference to requiring a draft they hired this deponent to serve as a soldier for them for the term of nine months according to Deponent's Recollection and belief—Burrows Holmes father of the witness whose affidavit is hereunto annexed was one of this class of eight men for whom deponent volunteered to serve as aforesaid.

Deponent was ordered to proceed to Judge Grahams in the Town of Shawangunk Ulster County for inspection and inrollment. [enrollment] Deponent passed muster and was enrolled in the company of Captain Passey as aforesaid in a regiment commanded by Colonel ____ Paulding. Deponent was then ordered to join said company at Abram Bacchus on the Indian Frontier in the county of Ulster and joined it accordingly the same or next day thereafter William Nottingham was Lieutenant of said Company and Simeon Rilyea orderly sergeant deponent cannot now recollect the Ensign's name. There is not now a man living to the knowledge of deponent who served in said company unless it be a man by the name of Vanorsdall who deponent was recently informed resided in New York upon the breaking out of the cholera but what has become of him since deponent does not know and has no means of ascertaining. Paulding was Colonel and Marvin adjutant of the Regiment deponent cannot recollect any other officers of said Regiment but allways [always] understood that said Regiment was a Regiment of Regulars and he believes it to be true and were under the command of United States officers, our company rendezvoused at [Mumbaccapus?] and from thence we were scattered in detachments along the frontier to guard different points against the hostile incursions of the Indians. The Detachment to which deponent belonged was ordered to a place called the book house in the County of Ulster. We heard the British & Indians were coming down under the command of Butler and Brant & we mett [met] them at the Blue mountains about two days distant from the Cook House. There we had engagement with them. It was in the season of [?] our four were about [?] and were commanded by colonel Paulding who previous to the engagement put on the clothes of a private we defeated the enemy and killed a considerable number but took no prisoners no quarter being given by either party. The British like their allies were painted. We did not know them until we stopped them, There were but seven or eight of our party killed. Captain Passey and Captain Dubois Companies belonging to Pauldings Regiment were the only companies deponent can particularly recollect of that regiment which were engaged in that battle after the engagement we returned to the book house and were shifted from place to place along the frontier as circumstances required. For some time at Peenpack near a place now called Carpenters Point on the Dellaware [Delaware] near the confluence of the Neversink and Delleware Rivers. We were at Warwasink just after the Indians had burned that place. They do no damage to the Church but stuck a tomahawk thro the Bible which lay on the Pulpit. They killed a man there by the name of Kettle and

took some prisoners deponent according to the best of his recollection served nine months in said company and regiment [?] was the term he was bound to serve & was honorably discharged at Captain Bevers at Neponog on said frontier the month of December next after his enlisting as aforesaid. Deponent has no written discharge, if one was given to him it is now lost.

Deponent can prove his character and services as a soldier of the Revolution by Daniel Homes & John Greggs of Newburgh in the county aforesaid and in answer to the interrogatories specially put to this deponent by the said court he saith that he was born in the town of _____[blank] in the county of Fairfield State of Connecticut in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two. That he has no record of his age. That then he enlisted he resided in Newburgh then County of Ulster now county of Orange when called into service that he has lived in said town ever since the Revolutionary War and lives there now.

That he volunteered as a substitute for a class of eight men all of whom are now dec'd the names of those deponent now recollects were Burrows Holmes. _____ [all blank]

That the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where deponent served were Colonel Paulding, Captain Dubois & Captain Passey before named. Our Regiment was the only Regiment of Continental troops deponent can now recollect & the Malitia [militia] in that service being detachments from different regiments stationed at different posts along the frontiers and often relieved by others deponent cannot now recollect them if he ever knew to what regiments they respectively belonged to. That he has already stated the general circumstances of his services. That he never received any other than a verbal discharge to the best of his recollection and belief. That deponent is known to John Greggs and Daniel Holmes of his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his service as a soldier of the Revolution whose affidavits are annexed.

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 roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Ebenezer Chase.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. Dunning Clerk