

## **Pension Application for Ephraim Crocker**

S.22708

State of New York

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before us.

The Judges of Washington County Com Pleas now sitting Ephraim Crocker a resident of the town of Fort Edward County of Washington and State of New York aged Seventy Seven years the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January last past who being first duly sworn 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That the first time I entered the service I resided where I now reside in the town of Fort Edward and about the first of April A.D. 1775 I volunteered and entered the service under the command of Capt Curtis, Lieut Swift, and Ensign Noah Murry which company came from the town of Kent now New Tuxton? State of Connecticut we marched to Lake George where we were stationed and was employed in Scouting through the wood to Schroon Lake and Trewitts? Patten. I remained in the above company until about the first of June, when I volunteered and went under the command of Capt. Sedgwick, Lieut Warham Gibbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Tom? Thompson, Ensign Mattison and was employ[ed] as pilot for the Scouting Tories that was sent out to Schroon Lake and other places with whom I was engaged about three weeks when I returned to Fort Edward aforesaid after being dismissed.

I served and did my duty as a private soldier two months and twenty one days, and on the first of October after I again volunteered into the service under the command of Capt. Levi Crocker, there was no Lieut & Ensign John Cook and we marched to Lake George where we were stationed and was ingaged in Scouting to North west bay and crossed through the woods to Schroon Lake and we returned afterwards we went as a scout to [Trewitt's?] Patent and returned & about the first of November I was dismissed and had served at this time as a private soldier one months and then I returned to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until about the first of April A.D. 1776 when I volunteered and entered the service under the command of Capt Gray with about 25 min we were stationed at Lake George our principle object was to make a tour as a scouting party to Schroon lake to find out the path when the enemy traveled from Johnstown to Canada we accordingly went to Schroon Lake and ranged the woods and discovered two roads and followed one which led to Jesuits Patten.

And returned to Lake George we remained there about one week when we took the same west for the same object as above whe we found the true path or road and pursued it near to Fish House and returned to Lake George and the first of May I was dismissed and returned to Fort Edward was in the service and did my duty one month Gen Schuyler commanded at lake George sometime in June 1776 I volunteered and entered the service under the command of John Cook Commandant with 17 men we

marched to Skeensborough where we remained two weeks as a guard at the Stone house and we returned to Fort Edward.

I had served as a private soldier two weeks and was dismissed I remained at Fort Edward until the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July A.D. 1777 at which time the Militia were called out in mass. I went under the command of Capt John Beaty we marched a few miles and returned to Fort Edward. I was in the service five days the inhabitants then all left these parts I went to the town of Kent State of Connecticut & returned to Fort Edward in January A.D. 1778.

That in June A.D. 1778 I volunteered and entered the service under the command of Capt Levi Crocker and were stationed at Fort Edward under the command of Col. [Luther?] Warner and we were employed in scouting and keeping guard at the Fort. The Indians and Tories were continually committed their depredations and we were sent to Lake George Skeensborough and I continued in the service until sometime in October when I was dismissed.

I served and did my duty four months and returned home at Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until in the month of March about the 20<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1779 I volunteered and went into the service under the command of Capt Isaac Moss and marched to Skeensborough now Whitehall and remained & then a few days end then we marched to Fort Edward and was stationed as a guard that Col. Livingston commanded Col. Warner was at Lake George we remained there till about the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April and was dismissed I returned home where continued until Sometime in June the same year 1779, when I volunteered and entered the service under the command of Capt. Harrison the nine months service New York Militia or State Troops we marched first to Fort George then we went on board of Bateux and rowed down the Lake to Ticonderoga, there were several companies Capt Isaac Moss, Capt. Levi Crocker with the three companies somthing in all about five hundred and no field officers we marched to the [?] name whre we halted and I with a part was sent on for the purpose of discovering the enemy we went on to Crown Point and saw them across the bay called Bullwaggins bay we then returned to the main body and we all followed after them and about 4 O Clk in the afternoon we came up to them when a small skirmish ensued they fled and [?] them [?] with a number of our inhabits to prisoner as I have been informed since, we pursued them to their boats and fired upon them as they were going to their 20 gun ship which lay on the Lake the next day we returned about one mile where we encamped for the night we marched back to our boats and came up to Fort George where I remained about two weeks was employed patrolling and scouting we marched to Fort Edward where we also went out in scouting parties to guard land on the north river and pursued the Tories who had been killing [?] at the Great Bend to [?] Patten and returned to Fort Edward and then marched to Fort George where we were stationed as a guard and employed in the Scouting to one place & another untill sometime in September when I was dismissed.

I served in the New York Militia and did my duty as a soldier three months and returned to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until in the month of June A.D. 1780 and about three days after Gov George Clinton had taken the main part of the

militia with him down the lakes I volunteered in the New York Militia with 16 others and went into the service under Ensign John Cook commanded and marched to Skeensborough now White Hall where we met with a number of other of the militia and were stationed as a guard and went out scouting in parties and in about two weeks we returned to Fort Edward and joined the troops under the command of Col. Livingston and was employed in scouting and about the first of July we marched to lake George and joined the troops commanded by Col. Seth Warner where we remained employed in Scouting and keeping garrison where we remained until the month of July when we were discharged I had served and done my duty as a private soldier two months and I returned to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until some time in the month of October and at the time the British come down and took Fort Ann and after our families were taken away I returned and volunteered and joined col. Livingstons troops and under his command was in the Fort when Kingsbury was burnt and the building on the west side of the river from Fort Edward to Fort Miller were also burnt and Livingston refused to go out no having but a few men in the Fort and the next day we went out as a scouting party to lake George Mountain on the west side of the lake. That the day before Col. Warner's Reg. had been attacked at the fort and cut off while on the mountain we saw the enemy go on board of their boats, well down the lake we then went back to Fort Edward and reported our discoveries to Col Livingston and he lent us to Gen Starks and we went immediately and informed Gen. Stark at Fort Miller and he sent a detachment of Continental Soldiers with the militia to Fort George and we went with them and [??] from bloody pond to Fort George about two miles we returned to Fort Edward and was employ[ed] again in scouting until in the months of November when we were discharged I returned home to Fort Edward aforesaid I had served and done my duty as a private soldier one months.

I remained at home until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of May A.D. 1781 I volunteered with about 13 under the command of Capt Levi Crocker as a scouting party of New York Militia we went to lake George was gone about five days and again about the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1781 we went to Lake George on Truitts? Pattent and returned was gone five days in both services I served ten day and returned home at Fort Edward and on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1781 I was with 8 others taken prisoner by the Tories and [?] our hand tied together before us and with a rope fastened one before the others and were driven in busy roads to the east side of Lake George when we were put in boats and taken to Ticonderoga and down the boats into Lake Champlain and went down the Lake into Canada where we were imprisoned and retained in prison until they attempted to take us to Quebeck when I made my escape and come home I was gone from home on this action six months I then resided in the town of Fort Edward where I now live & have lived over time.

That I was born A.D. 1755.

That I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service except Charles Baker and John Biteley whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

That I have never received a written discharge.

That Samuel Bennit & Otis Allen to whom I am known in the present Neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

That there is no clergyman in the neighborhood where I reside who can testify as to my character as a soldier of the revolution.

That I have no record of my age, that I was born in Cornwell in Connecticut in the year 1755.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed) Ephraim Crocker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh CLK