

## **Pension Application for Edward Dunham**

W.1158

State of New York

Orleans County SS.

On this 23 day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer & Jail delivery now sitting at the Court House in the Town of Barre in & for the County of Orleans Edward Dunham a resident of the Town of Barre in the County of Orleans and State of New York aged seventy nine years of age 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 he was born in the Town of Great Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the twenty fourth day of July 1753. That he has no record of his age.

That he lived in Kingsbury in the County of Washington State of New York when he first entered the service.

That he enlisted in the month of September 1778 into a company of Rangers, under Captain Isaac Morse for during the war, or during the pleasure of Congress. That they were stationed in a Block House in the Town of Kingsbury aforesaid and remained there under the command of said Capt Morse until the last of February 1777. When he hired one Mr. Rice to supply his place, and that he then removed to Lanesborough in the State of Massachusetts.

That in June 1777, he was called out with the rest of the militia to oppose the enemy went to near Hubbletown where they met with Colonel Warner[‘s] Regiment a short time and returned home. Think was out three or four weeks went again shortly after to Bennington on another alarm. Served Colonel Warner’s Regiment was in the Battle under the command of General Starke after the battle returned home—was out this time about three or four weeks.

That late in the fall of the same year and after the surrender of General Burgoine’s army went to live at Fort Edward in Washington County New York.

That in the year 1780 thinks in August went under Capt Isaac Morse, Lieutenant Payne who was of Colonel Warner’s Regiment to Fort George. Took boat went to the foot of the Lake George. Landed and went to near Crown Point, on a scout to learn information of the enemy. Staid there a day or two but did not find the enemy. Then returned the same way we went to Fort Edwards where he was discharged, no written discharge given. Was out three or four weeks at this time.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said services and that he knows of no person who can testify to said services, who was in the army with him.

The he is acquainted with David Knapp, a clergyman and Jesse Mason and Jeremiah Cady, who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That after the war of the Revolution he removed [to] Saratoga County in said State of New York from thence he removed to Cazenovia, Madison County N.Y., from thence to Henrietta in the County of Monroe and from there to Barre in the County of Orleans where he now resides.

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) Edward Dunham

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me, A.B. Mills, Clerk of said Court.

Letter in folder dated February 28, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.1158, it appears that Edward Dunham was born July 24, 1753, at Great Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Kingsbury, Washington County, New York, he enlisted in September 1776 as a private in Captain Isaac Moss' New York Company of Rangers, and was discharged the last of February 1777.

He moved to Lanesborough, Massachusetts, and while living there enlisted in June 1777 and served two months as a private in the Massachusetts Militia under Colonel Warner.

He then moved to Fort Edward, New York, and enlisted in August 1780, and served three or four weeks as a private in Captain Isaac Moss' New York Company under Colonel Warner.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 23, 1832, while a resident of Barre, Orleans County, New York.

He died at Henrietta, Monroe County, New York, January 25, 1844.

Soldier married at Smithfield, Madison County, New York, November 17, 1802, Mary (widow of Jacob Dannak) who was born March 1, 1766.

He was allowed pension on her application executed April 28, 1853, while a resident of Barre, New York.

#### Children of Edward and Mary Dunham.

Edward Jr. born August 5, 1803, married February 23, 1823 daughter of Joseph and Mary Corbine (name not stated).

Sophis born April 13, 1805, married March 3, 1822, Joseph Monroe and died March 3, 1825.

Seneca born February 20, 1807, married January 8, 1829, daughter of John and Hannah Dannak (name not stated).

#### Children of Edward Dunham, Jr.

Hellen Sophea born August 12, 1826.

Mary Jane (or Jain) born January 27, 1828, died January 9, 1831.

Myron H. Monroe was born July 3, 1823.

This is the history of the only soldier named Edward Dunham that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.