

Pension Application for Ephraim Dutton

S.39472

State of Vermont

Windsor County SS.

At a Supreme Court of Judicature begun at Woodstock within & for the County of Windsor on the Fourth Tuesday of February in the year our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty nine.

On this twenty seventh day of February 1829, being the fourth day of the said Term, personally appeared in open court, (the same being a court of record agreeably to the laws of this State having the power of fine and imprisonment &c) Ephraim Dutton, resident in Ludlow in the County of Windsor aforesaid aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said Ephraim Dutton enlisted for the term of Three years on the fourth day of April AD 1777 in the State of ;Massachusetts, in the Company commanded by Capt. Ballard, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Alden being the seventh Regiment in the line of the State of ;Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the fourth day of April AD 1780, when he was discharged from the service in West Point in the State of New York.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present; tht his name has been placed on the Pension List, that the number of the Pension List, that the number of the Pension Certificate is 10,064, and that he never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because untill the late instructions of the Secretary of War to the officer having charge of the Pension Office, he had understood & been advised, that no pension could be retained by any Revolutionary Soldier who was in possession of any Real Estate or who had any amount of personal property or income.

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly Swear that I was resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818, and that I have not since that time by Gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it was to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not ,nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or Securities contracts or Debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit.

An annuity secured to me, and my wife Esther Dutton, and the Survivor of us of Sixty Dollars a year during the natural lives of us, land the survivor of us. Ephraim Dutton.

I am by occupation a carpenter, but on account of debility and infirmities of old age, lam not able to Labour any, nor having I been able to labour for about two years

last past. My wife Esther Dutton is sixty six years of age, and is able to labour but very little, she can do nothing of consequence. Ephraim Dutton.

Sworn to, and declared on this 27th day of February AD 1829 before said Court.
Attest Benj. Swan Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 12, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.39472 it appears that Ephraim Dutton in 1775 belonged to a company of minute men in Westford, Massachusetts and on April 18, 1775 was at the battle of Lexington.

Immediately after said battle he enlisted and served eight months as a private in Captain Joshua Parker's Company, Colonel William Prescott's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted in July 1776 at said Westford and served five months as a private in Captain Joshua Parker's company, Colonel Jonathan Reed's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted April 3 or 4, 1777, served as a private in Captain William Hudson Ballard's Company, Colonels Alden and John Brooks' Seventh Massachusetts Regiment, was at the battle of Cherry Valley in November 1778 where he was captured by the Indians and held a prisoner by them until early in October 1779 when he was released and returned to said Captain Ballard's Company in the same regiment and served until discharged April 4, 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 21, 1818 while a resident of Ludlow, Windsor County, Vermont aged sixty-four years.

In 1831 he was still living in said Ludlow and referred to his wife Esther aged sixty-eight years. There is no further data on file as to his family.