

## **Pension Application for Robert Earll**

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State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Be it remembered that on this eighth day of July AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court at a Court of Chancery now sitting at Onondaga before Daniel Mosely Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit in said State, Robert Earll of Skaneateles in the County of Onondaga aged seventy three years the thirtieth day of March last 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832—

That he volunteered in the army of the United States in the month of October in the year 1776 under one Captain Reynolds or Runnell's of Colonel Eddy's Regiment which was raised in Nova Scotia—

Then I was living in the town of Retoc on what was then called the Gulph of St. Lawrence now called by the name of Tinmouth—

We first encountered a British vessel and took her to [Savant] or Green Bay where we were compelled to give her up to her owners.

Early in the following spring & joined Captain West's Company in the same regiment at the river St. Johns, where we remained until the British came into the harbor with four armed vessels—

We gave them battle but were defeated with the loss of two men killed and one wounded. We then returned up the river St. Johns about sixty miles to a French mass house or place of religious worship. The British preserved this place, we retreated about thirty miles further up where we joined one John Allen who had previously been appointed a Superintendent of the Indians at that place with his Clerk and Interpreter Lewis Ladurney—

We had hired two Indians to act as guides and pilot—as through the woods the to Machias where we arrived on the last of the month of June 1777. Here we met Colonel Eddy and a member of their Nova Scotia men going on to the head of the Bay of Funday, or Fort Cumberland for the purpose of taking it from the British—

I here enlisted as a second sergeant in the Company of one Captain Zebulon Rowe; but before we started the same fleet—which attached us at St. Johns appeared again in pursuit of us. We set to work raising breast works the fleet attempted to come up. I was stationed at the lower breastwork—the brig came up and fired on us—a militia Colonel by the name of Foster here took the command – we had an action which lasted about an hour and a half. The brig fell back and none of our men were killed or wounded. About dark my Captain came and relieved me having been on guard twenty four hours. The British landed next morning just below the breastwork—came on shore and drove back Captain Rowe and Company and set fire to the building—

The same day the brig came up in three of the boats with about five hundred men and one boat and proceeded to land and then their cock swain being killed, they returned to the Brig. At this time Colonel Eddy ordered the gunners to level his piece a three powder, over her masts to let them have [?].

Immediately she wheeled about toward down the river. Colonel Eddy then ordered thirty volunteers to be enrolled to watch the movements of the vessel under Major Andrews or Hubarson. I turned out as one of the volunteers to go on this errand of duty. We pursued her down the river about three miles when she struck aground – We fired upon her and the men cut the bots loose and left her and passed out of our reach. Soon after this the Boston regiment was ordered back to the taking of Burgoyne; and Colonel Eddy's regiment returned

with the exception of two companies one under the command of Captain West and the name of the Captain of the other company is not recollected—which Captain of the other which companies stayed to guard the place and to continue the erection of the works. I here continued with Captain West's Company occupied and employed until the middle of the month of November. While here I was discharged by the Captain of the Company and went to Boston and entered my name as a Continental wagoner to carry clothing to Fishkill in New York in which business I continued three months. I started from Boston in December A.D. 1777 and returned in the fore part of March A.D. 1778 when I was again dismissed. I had served up to this period for the term of thirteen months as a soldier and as a wagoner for the term of three months.

This deponent further saith that from thence he went to the town of Cambridge in the (now) County of Washington and State of New York to live & frequently was called out to perform tours of militia duty.

First I performed a tour under Captain Doty of the militia in Colonel VanVorts regiment and served for one month and a half commencing on the first of June and embracing three several tours to Palmertown as then called in the year 1778.

In the year 1779 I removed to little White Creek in the same County of Washington and was engaged in the service in Captain Brown's Company for two months on scouting parties.

In the year 1780 I resided in the town of Hoosick in the now County of Rensselaer, having been then married and during this year I performed military service under Captain Russell for two months – we were stationed at Fort Edward one month in this year, and one month at Palmertown—One Major Lansing commanded at this time at Fort Edward.

In the year 1781 I returned to Cambridge & performed militia service for two months under the command of Lieutenant Powell with whom we kept garrison and went out on scouting parties.

In the year 1782 at Cambridge I performed militia service for two months – a part of the time under the command of Lieutenant Wright, and a portion of the time under the command of Lieutenant Romell. The Christian names of these officers this deponent cannot recollect. The whole period of this deponent's service in the militia in the State of New York was nine months and half of a month.

And this deponent further saith, that the manner in which he entered the service as last aforesaid in said State of New York was in being drafted to take his term in defending the Country—and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He further saith that he was born in the year 1760 on the Thirtieth day of March—that he has a record of his age in a bible now kept by his sister Mrs. Luck Danks in Onondaga.

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.

And he further saith that at the close of the war he lived at Little White Creek in the town of Cambridge and now County of Washington, that in the year 1784 this deponent moved to Whitehall at the head of Lake Champlain and lived there till the year 1794 from thence he moved to the town of Marcellus in the County of Onondaga and said State his present place of residence.

That he moved from Whitehall to the place in the year 1794 the present town of Skaneateles is a part of the old town of Marcellus and he further saith that he is acquainted with Timothy Capp of Marcellus now Spafford and John Shepard of said Marcellus now Skaneateles who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and to the opinion and reputation of the neighborhood where he resides as to his having been a soldier in the

Revolution and he further states that there is no clergyman in this deponents neighborhood who is acquainted with him for a sufficient length of time to be acquainted with said facts.

Subscribed and sworn, (signed) Robert Earll, the day and year aforesaid. Daniel Moseley, Vice Chancellor