

## **Pension Application for Watson Earll**

R.3194

State of New York  
Otsego County SS.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July [?] personally appeared before David P. Brewster the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County Watson Earll a resident of the town of Hanibel in said county aged seventy four 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 act Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of March 1776 in company commanded by Capt. Burke in the Regiment commanded by Col. Eddy for a term of three years.

That at the time of his enlistment he resided in Nova Scotia in the British [?] and enlisted at that time. That he was engaged from the time of his enlistment until about the month of October of the same year with a part of the American Army in the Siege of Fort Cumberland in Nova Scotia aforesaid.

That the American Army during this time had possession of all the country around said fort for some distance and were engaged in besieging & reducing the Garrison in said fort. That from said besieging army parties were constantly sent out to Scout through the country. And also upon the water to take & destroy the enemys small vessels in the vicinity of the fort.

That in the said month of October the said applicant was sent out in one of said expeditions, and then said party returned they found that the enemy had come in force to relieve said Garrison and had driven the American Army from the general and then remained in possession of the same. That said party were taken prisoner & the applicant among the number. That he the said Earll was taken to Hallifax & detained thence as prisoner of war until the month of October 1777 when he was exchanged & released from confinement.

That said term of service & imprisonment was one year & seven months & a half as he believes. That immediately after his release he removed to the town of Cambridge then in the County of Albany in the State of New York as he believes.

That after his said removal he belonged to the company of militia commanded by Capt. Brown & Lieut Isaac Prine in Col. Whitesides Regiment. That in the summer of 1778 & 1779 as he believes said company was divided into classes to serve in the war, each class was to serve a tour of two weeks. That he the applicant had two brothers belonging to the same company each in a different class. That in the month of August in the year 1778 [?] he the applicant was called but in his class and performed a tour of two weeks at Fort Ann, under the said Lieut. Isaac Prine—when said tour ended he continued to serve another term for [?] said brothers of two weeks & when that was ended, he continued to serve another tour for [?] of said brothers of two weeks & when that was ended he continued on & served another tour for said other brother as a substitute. That said brothers names were Nathaniel & Robert Earll. That his services at this term were six weeks two weeks for himself & two weeks

for each of said brothers as a substitute under the same officer stationed at the same place.

That in the month of September 1780 as he believes a call was made by the Governor for a draft of a company of men from said Regiment to scout among Lakes George & Champlain for Indians & Torys.

That the officers of said Regiment first beat up voluntary but failed to get any.

That about this time Capt. Saml Hodge & Lieut Aaron Smith had returned from service, and being experienced in the business of scouting a number of said Regiment officers to volunteer for one month provided they could be under the command of said Hodge & Smith. This was so arranged and the applicant and others accordingly volunteered to serve one month under said officers and no draft was made.

That he the applicant entered said service in this manner and continued scouting around Lakes George & Champlain for Indians & Torys a term of one month and was then discharged & returned home.

That all his services were performed as a private.

That he had no field officers in the two last tours. That eh was born in Nova Scotia aforesaid in the year 1762 and has no record of his age.

That since the said war he has continued to reside in the State of New York. That he never received a written discharge from service.

That he has since served said [?] received five hundred acres of land as a bounty for his said services which said land is situate in the northeast part of the state of New York in the County of Clinton as he believes.

That he was acquainted with Col. Maxfield & Colonel Thoorp in the said war but does not remember the particular office held by each when he became acquainted with them.

That about the month of Aug 1779 as he believes he again served a term of six weeks at Fort Ann as aforesaid two weeks for himself & two weeks as a substitute for each of said brothers, under said Capt Brown & his service ended two or three days before [?] was taken.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever or annuity [sic] except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Watson Earll

Sworn & subscribed the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1836 before me [???] David P. Brewster first Judge of Otsego County SS.