

Pension Application for Eleazer Eaton

S.12838

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 11th day of Sepr 1832 personally appeared in open court before Hon. David Moseley Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit at a Court of Chancery in Onondaga now sitting Eleazer Eaton a resident of the town of Manlius County of Onondaga & State of New York aged sixty seven is being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath depose & say and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.

That on the first day of April 1781, he enlisted for nine months in the town of Florida County of Montgomery & State of New York under Capt. Jellis Fonda in Col. Willett's Regiment called as he believes, "the New Levies" was sent to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River and was there placed under the command of Captain Gross, of the same Regiment, on the 10 July of that year was in a battle At a place called Turlow, now called Sharon, with the British, Indians, & Levies under the command of a Tory called, Doxtater, Col. Willett commanded the Americans, and Captain McKean was killed at that place—was stationed during the summer [blurred ? of the time at Fort Herkimer, Fort Dayton & Stone Arabia, on the Mohawk River and was employed almost constantly in Scouting parties, under Major Wait & Capt. Cherry in the same service. Major Wait commanded the Continental troops was discharged the 1st day of January 1782 at Fort Plain, enlisted again for nine months at Florida under Captain French in Col. Willett's Regiment and alternately during the spring & summer was stationed at Fort Herkimer, Stone Arabia, & Fort Dayton, was constantly employed that year in Scouting parties along the Mohawk River, between Schenectady & Fort Stanwix.

That in the month of November of that year he enlisted, under Captain Wright, in Col. Willett's Regiment for three years & went into winter quarters at Fort Plain.

In the month of January 1782 went on an expedition with the rest of the troops [??] that place under Col. Willett against Fort Oswego, on Lake Ontario and a fatiguing march through the snow & cold [?] and after remaining in their [?] of Oswego were ordered to return, it having been [several lines too faded to read] had communicated [?] to the British at Oswego, the troops returned to Fort Plain & remained at that place, and at Stone Arabia until the latter part of October, of that year when this applicant with the other troops remained there until their final discharge.

The applicant was born on the 5th of August in the year 1765, in the town of Canaan now Columbia County State New York. Has no record of his age. Lived as [?] in the County of Montgomery, N.Y. when [???] and continued to live in the place until 1794 when he moved to the town of Manlius where he has since lived and has continued to reside, at [?] time of enlistment in the eservice voluntarily enlisted, he does not recollect of ever having a written discharge from the service. That he has no

written documentation to prove his service and knows of no person who can testify to his service except those hereunto annexed.

That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services are [blank]

This applicant would further state that he was in a battle at Johnstown, on the Mohawk River in the fall of the year 1781, with the American troops against the British under the command Major Ross, & Col. Butler. That the British retreated from that place and were followed by the Americans, to a place near East Canada Creek where Col. Butler was killed that this applicant saw him immediately after.

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) Eleazer Eaton.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Daniel Moseley Circuit Judge.