

### **Pension Application for Ephraim Eaton**

S.45357

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

I Syevenus Tonsley one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County to the Honorable Secretary of War do certify that on this eighth day of April 1818 personally came before me Ephraim Eaton a resident of the town of Manlius in said County and being duly sworn declared on oath that in the fore part of the year 1776 he enlisted into the Regiment of Colonel Aylmer [Elmore] in the company of Captain Allen (1) at Cannan State of New York & serve one year and served out the period of his enlistment in that Regiment. That he afterwards received a Lieutenants commission in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett (2) and joined the regiment under Captain Thomas Skinner & served under that Commission about nine months when the number of officers was reduced and he left the regiment by lot—that he then enlisted into the Massachusetts line in the Regiment (he thinks the fourth) commanded by Colonel Jackson and joined the infantry company of Captain Fuller when and in the Company of Captain Mills he served till after the close of the war, and was discharged at West Point—He further states that his commission & discharge are both lost, having been left by him with his sister immediately after the war. He further declares that he is now poor and needs the assistance of his country for support.

The said Ephraim Eaton then produced Eleaser Eaton as a witness who being sworn testifies that he knew of the enlistment and service of said Ephraim Eaton as above stated and of his service as a lieutenant that he saw and read his discharge and also states that said Ephraim is in need of assistance for support.

Oujun Eaton being also sworn as a witness testifies that he knew said Ephraim while in Col. Michael Jacksons regiment and understood he was enlisted for three years. From all which it appears to my satisfaction that said Ephraim Eaton did serve the United States in the Revolutionary War until the end thereof as above stated and that he served as a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Colonel Willett as above set forth and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support. Silvenus Tonsley

On another paper it says: April 8, 1818 his claim was allowed. His age at date of application was 83 years. The date of soldier's marriage is not stated. In 1820 he referred to his wife: Catharine aged 46 years. Son William 10, daughter Hester Ann 7 years.

End Notes—S.45357—Ephraim Eaton

1. Ephraim enlisted as a private on June 10, 1776 in Captain Lathrop Allen's Company in Colonel Samuel Elmore's Connecticut Sate Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 27, Folder 206, National Archives, Washington, D.C. The regiment marched from Albany to Tryon County on August 26, 1776 to replace the Third New Jersey Continental Regiment which had been ordered to the northward. Captain Allen's Company by January of 1777 had been stationed at Fort Dayton. In late March the Third New York Continental Regiment arrived in Tryon County ot Replace Colonel Elmore's Regiment which was also ordered to the northward where they were discharged on April 15, 1777.
2. Ephraim in August of 1781 was appointed lieutenant in Captain Job Wright's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. In September, Ephraim was transferred to Captain Thomas Skinner's Company in Willett's Regiment to replace Lieutenants Solomon Woodworth and Richard Randolph Wilson. Woodworth and Wilson by Willett's order had found a ranger company from men in Willett's Regiment in August unfortunately Woodworth and Wilson were killed in and ambush on September 7, 1781.