

## **Pension Application for Stephen Eckert**

S.45362

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June S.E. 1827 personally appeared in open Court to wit, in the Court of Common Pleas of Ulster County in the State of New York being a Court of Record which proceeds according to the Course of the Common law with an unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount and which Court keeps a Record of its proceedings Stephen Eckert aged Eighty two years and about eight months residing in the town of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the Acts of Congress of the eighteenth of March 1818, and the first of May 1820 to wit.

I, the said Stephen Eckert do declare and depose that my age and residence is above correctly stated that some time in the month of May in the year 1776 at the town of New Paltz in the County aforesaid, I the said Stephen Eckert enlisted a private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain Isaac Belknap in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lewis Dubois in the New York line of Continental Rangers in the war of the Revolution for the term of during the war and that I the said Stephen Eckert Continued to Serve, as a Common Soldier in the said Corps untill on or about the 13 day of June 1777, at which time I was discharged from the Service in the town of Newburgh then Ulster but now Orange County and that all the soldiers in said commanded by the said Isaac Belknap were discharged at the same time that shortly after I the said Stephen Eckert enlisted & served in the same company commanded by said Isaac Belknap in Fishkill in the County of Dutchess untill about three months previous to my discharge when the said company was removed to Newburgh aforesaid at which place I continued to serve as a private soldier untill I was discharged as above stated that I at the time of my discharge received a written discharge which I am now unable to find the same being lost or destroyed that my name is not on the roll of any state except New York and that I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension because I several years ago made application tone Beverly Kain an attorney at law to proceed [faded past reading] to take proper steps to procure the same but has neglected to give you the necessary information or what manner to proceed to procure the same and that I have not since the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, at which time I was a resident of the United States, 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 to [?] 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 hereunto annexed and by me subscribed that since the 18<sup>th</sup>

day of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. I have sold one cow since that time and we other [too light to read] my property whatever to the best of my knowledge.

#### Schedule

I now reside with my son John Eckert in a house standing on the land of John C. Brodhead and Richard C. Brodhead in Shawangunk aforesaid of which house my said John is a [?] tenant at will that my wife is dead and that I have no family under my care but live with my said son John who is poor that I have no real estate either in law or equity in possession reversion remainder or in expectancy that I won one cow worth \$20 for the use of my said son John Eckerts family two coats two shirts two vests three pantaloons the said last mentioned articles in all worth not more than \$122, & no other personal property except some little articles of wearing apparel not amounting to value of \$3.

(Signed) Stephen Eckers

Sworn to and declared the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1827 before me in open court. Jno. Dubois presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Ulster County.