

Pension Application for Daniel Eighmey

R.3274

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this twentieth day of June 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Daniel Eighmey a resident of the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware and State aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

I entered first (According to the best of my recollection) the army of the revolution in the year 1776 in the months of September or October—that at the time of my entering the service I lived in Fishkill, Dutchess County & State of New York—That I entered as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Lee. The Lieutenant in Captain Lee's Company was Lieutenant Rosecrance—that the name of the Ensign I do not recollect—that Captain Lee's company was a company of volunteers of the State of New York—that I volunteered for five months—that in a few days my company marched from Fishkill aforesaid to West Point and that I remained there in Captain Lee's Company until the expiration of the five months for which I volunteered—that during the [?] five months while at West Point I was employed in building a fort at that place the most of the time—that a few times during this time my company was ordered to Fishkill to the barrack at that place.

I do not recollect particularly the object of marching to Fishkill, whether it was to repair the barrack or not. The Colonel of the Regiment to which my company was attached I do not recollect.

That Major Strong was the commanding officer at that time so far as I recollect.

That Continental troops were stationed at West Point at this time but I do not recollect the names of any of the commanding officers.

That I saw General Washington a few times, who remained but a short time at this place West Point—That at the end of said five months service I received a written discharge from captain Lee at West Point in the months of January or February according to the best of my recollection—that the discharge aforesaid I have lost.

That after being discharged as aforesaid I returned home to Fishkill where I remained for a few weeks, when there was a call for soldiers to got to Bunker's Hill in Massachusetts to oppose the British—That I immediately volunteered under captain Gideon Hall for that purpose for the term of five months.—I do not recollect the name of the Lieutenant or Ensign of this Company—this company of Captain Hall's joined no Regiment that I recollect but marched for Bunker's Hill—

That the time of my volunteering for this second purpose was in the spring, May or June in the year 1775—That my company marched from Fishkill to Dover & through Hartford in Connecticut towards Boston.—

That my company arrived at Bunker's Hill where we found the British and the fighting had commenced already, that my company was immediately after, I believe the next day drawn into action, that in this engagement I was wounded by a musket ball in my left arm on the inside next my body & the scar is to be seen at this time—that this engagement was very sharp as both the Americans & the British forces near each other—that I was engaged in this close manner for several hours--& that during the way I was frequently engaged in fighting the enemy.—

That the British afterwards returned towards their ship firing and after remaining here for three or four days, word was received that the British were moving as expected up the Hudson River at Peekskill in New York—That we soon after marched in a large body through Massachusetts & Connecticut towards Fishkill where we arrived & then marched down the river—towards Peekskill—where at Peekskill the British had landed & were endeavoring to force their way up through the High Lands, expresses were sent off from the American Army above Peekskill towards the British to watch their movements—after remaining here a week or ten days the British retreated down the Hudson river, my company marched back to Fishkill—while at Bunker's Hill I do not recollect the names of any of the commanding officers, except that of General Putnam, nor do I recollect the names of the commanding officers under whom my company marched back to Fishkill & Fishkill is up river, except that while at Fishkill I knew one Colonel Knox who I think was in the service of the United States, but what troops, he commanded I do not recollect—after returning back to Fishkill as aforesaid I remained there until the termination of my five months volunteering & was employed in no particular duty except watching to see if the British chanced attempt passing up the river—at the [??] I received a written discharge from Captain Hall in the month of October 1775—This discharge I have lost—

That after being discharged I returned home & in a short time after I entered the service of the United States with a team of horses & wagon of my own & continued in the service as aforesaid for one year & six months until discharged, but by what officer I do not recollect—

That during this year six months service I carried baggage, provision, clothing, for the army & between Fishkill & Boston & at various other places & around Fishkill, and that I was in the service of the United States as [?] two years & four months.

That I was born at Fishkill, Dutchess County & State of New York in the month of June thirteenth day 175[?]-1754.

That I have no documentary evidence of my services, nor do I know of any person living whose testimony I can procure. That I remember as above set forth in my declaration or any part thereof, nor have I any record of my age at present—formerly my age was recorded in a Bible of my parents but it is torn out & lost—that since the revolutionary war I have resided in the State of New York at Fishkill about twenty four years—in the County of Montgomery & in [?] other & in the town of Middletown Delaware County & that I now reside in Middletown aforesaid, & that I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And that the names of persons who are known to me where I now live & who can testify to my character for truth & veracity and the belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution are John [Buell?] Justice of the Peace, James Mead, Clergyman, Matthew Halcott, Abraham Beadle, & Russel Stone. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Eighmey

Sworn & subscribed this 20th day of June 1833 before me in open Court. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk.

The following are the Interrogatories propounded to Daniel Eighmey, the applicant & the answers given by him.

1st Where and in what year were you born? I was born in Fishkill Dutchess County, a state of New York, the thirteenth day of June 1774. [Must mean 1754.]

2nd Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it? I have none at present, but [?] there was a record of my age in my parents Bible, but the name is torn out & lost.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? I lived at Fishkill in the State of New York at the time of my entering the service, & [?] the Revolutionary war in Dutchess, Montgomery, & Delaware Counties & now live in the town of Middletown, Delaware County.

4th How were you called into service; where you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute: And if a substitute for whom? I volunteered into the service & never was a substitute for any person.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you near such continental & militia regiment as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service? I can give no other evidence to this Interrogatory than what is set for the in my declaration above.

6th Did you receive a discharge ever from the service, & if so from whom was it given & what has become of it? I have received two written discharges, one from captain Thomas Lee & the other from Captain Gideon Hall but they were lost & another discharge verbally but from whom I do not recollect.

7th State the names of persons to whom you were known in your present neighborhood, & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? I state that of John Beadle, James Mead, Matthew Halcott, Abraham Beadle, Russel Stone, Robert Stone, & Joseph Avery. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Eighmey

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Letter in folder dated October 11, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3274, that Daniel Eighmey or Eighmay was born June 13, 1754, in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York.

While residing in Fishkill, New York, he served in 1774 five months under Captain Thomas Lee and Major Strong. He enlisted in the spring of 1775 and served five months in Captain Gideon Hall's New York company, and was in the battle of Bunker Hill, where wounded by a musket ball in his left arm. A short time after this service, he went with his wagon and team and served one year and six months, carrying baggage, provision, and clothing for the army.

He applied for pension on June 20, 1833, at which time he was living in Middletown, Delaware County, New York.

His claim was not allowed as he did not render six months military service in the War of the Revolution and the service in 1776, driving his own team, was not considered military.

It is not stated that he ever married.