

Pension Application for Joseph Eldridge

S.44814

State of New York

Genesee County SS

On this first day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Genesee in the said State of New York personally appeared Joseph Eldridge aged sixty six years on the twentieth day of December last resident in the town of Sweden In the said County of Genesee, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law on his oath, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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".

That he the said Joseph Eldridge in the month of august 1775, enlisted for nine months as a soldier under Captain Eli Root in the regiment commanded by Colonel Easton at the town of Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts that he was at the taking of St. Johns that he went with the American Army to Quebec in Lower Canada that he was in the battle on Abrahams Plains near Quebec under General Montgomery. The he was discharged in May following at Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts.

That he the said Joseph Eldridge enlisted again in the month of July 1776 at Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts aforesaid for nine months sunder Captain Joel Dickinson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elmore that he was continually on service during the said nine months but was in no battles that he was discharged at German Flatts, in the State of New York in April 1777.

That he the said Joseph Eldridge in the month of November 1777 enlisted at German Flatts in the State of New York in the artillery corps under Captain Robert Walker in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Lamb.

That he was in fort Stanox [Stanwix] at the time it was besieged, that he was at the battle of Oresco [Oriskany] and that he was in skirmishes at the southward, and that he was regularly and honorably discharged at the end of the said three years at Peekskill in the State of New York, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Joseph Eldridge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. Signed Ella Smith, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas for the County of Genesee.