

Pension Application for John Eller

W.21059 (Widow: Elizabeth)

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State of New York, County of Sullivan SS.

On this tenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Samuel Smith, William Gillespie & Thomas Crary Esquire.

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Sullivan now sitting John Eller a resident of the Town of Fallsburgh in the said County of Sullivan and said state of New York aged seventy years on the fifth day of January who first being duly sworn 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 and served as herein stated to wit: and first he states that he was born the fifth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty two as he has always been informed & verily believes, in the town of New Hurley in the County of Ulster & State of New York & that he has no record of his age & never has had any to his knowledge or belief.

That when he was called into service he resided in the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster & since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the said town of Marbletown for about five years from thence he removed to the town of Rochester where he resided about fifteen years & from thence he removed to his present place of residence where he has resided ever since.

That in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine he volunteered his services in the Militia of the State of New York in a company commanded by Captain Robert Hunter, Levi DeWitt being the Lieutenant which company belonged to a regiment commanded by Colonel Albert Pawling, that the only field officers of said Regiment that he recollects were VanBenschoten & Chandonet but their respective rank or Christian names he does not recollect. That he was stationed with his said company at Shandaken in said County of Ulster to guard the frontiers against the Indians.

That after remaining there some time he was marched to the westward to join General Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians—after reaching the Susquehanna River it was found that General Sullivan had proceeded onwards about four days before their arrival & being short of provisions they returned to their former station.—That shortly afterwards he was marched down the Hudson river to Stoney Point—That from Stoney point he returned as far as Poughkeepsie where he was discharged his term of service being expired which was eight months all of which he actually served.

That in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty one he was hired as a substitute for tow person whose names he does not now recollect, to enter the service.

That he entered into a company commanded by Captain Henry Pawling whose Lieutenant was Hovenbergh in a Regiment commanded by the above named Colonel

Albert Pawling—That he was stationed at Hendrick Crispell's in the then town of Marbeldtown in said County of Ulster (now the town of Olive) to guard the frontiers against the Indians under the immediate command of Lieutenant Hovenbergh who was detached for that purpose. That he remained at the said station until he was discharged, his term of service which was eight months having expired & that he actually served in said company during the whole of said time.

That in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two he entered the service as a substitute for two persons one of whom was named John Fuss & the others names he does not recollect, in a company commanded by Capt. Livingston whose Lieutenant was John Dubois belonging to to [sic] a regiment commanded by Colonel Wiesenfelt & was stationed at Matthew Keator's in the said town of Marbletown to guard the frontiers & remained there for the whole term of his services which was eight months, when he was discharged—

That he this declarant also in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty went into the service as a substitute for Andries DeWitt for three months—That he was commanded by Captain Johannis Hardenbergh whose company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Albert Pawling.

That he was stationed with his company at the house of John Hardenbergh in the town of Rochester in said county of Ulster now Wawarsing for the purpose of guarding the frontiers when he remained the whole term of his aforesaid service being three months.

That he could have procured proof of his last aforesaid services but did not suppose it would be necessary to enable him to obtain his pension & as it would have been attended with considerable additional expense.

That he never received any written discharge from any of his said services.

That Jonathan Jones, Anthony Hasbrouck & several other persons in his present neighborhood can testify as he believes to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And he further declares that he is not acquainted with any Clergyman in his neighborhood or town who could have an opportunity of making a certificate prescribed in cases of this kind. (Signed) John Eller

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John M. Foster, Clerk of Sullivan Com. Pleas.