

Pension Application for John Ellsworth

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State of Illinois

County of McLain SS.

On this first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Circuit Court of McLean County aforesaid the same being a Court of Record with power to fine and imprison, John Ellsworth a resident of McLain County State of Illinois, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of February in the year 1776 with Captain Allen, and served in the fourth New York Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers; Colonel Wisenworth—Lieut. Col. Gansevoort, Major not recollected—Captain Allen—1st Lieut. Blank—the others not recollected.—Said Regiment attached to Genl Philip Schuyler's brigade—He left the service in the year 1779—that he resided in the City of New York in the State of New York when he entered the service—he was engaged in the battles of Bennington, and at Moses' Kill near Ft. Edward on Hudson River and had to retreat from there to Saratoga and was present at Burgoyne's surrender on the 17th October 1777—he marched from Saratoga to Albany, and from there to West Point and from thence to Tappan in Jersey, and thence to Valley Forge—was then marched back to Fishkill where he was discharged—he has no document of any kind to show it, or his services, he had a discharge given by the Col of his regiment but has lost it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) John Ellsworth.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Hay CCC SC

Letter in pension folder dated July 9, 1917, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the twenty-fourth ultimo, you are advised that in his pension application (R. File 3333, Rev. War), executed September 5, 1832, John Ellsworth, who was a resident of McLain County, Illinois, aged seventy-two years, alleged that while living in New York City, he enlisted in February, 1776, and served under Captain Allen and Colonel Weisenfels, in the Fourth New York Regiment; that he was in the battles at Moses Kill and Bennington, and at the surrender of Burgoyne, and that he left the service in 1779.

His claim was rejected, as the rolls showed that he deserted and although he afterwards joined the regiment, he did not render six months service, as required by the Act of June 7, 1832, under which he applied for pension.

There is no data as to his family on file.