

**Pension Application for William W. Ellsworth**

W.10952 (Widow: Barbara) Married August 4, 1799. William died March 22, 1852, Town of Mayfield Cuyahoga, Ohio.

B.L.Wt.26628-160-55

The State of Ohio

Cuyahoga County

Common Pleas

November Term 1832

On this fifth day of November AD 1832 in open court before the Judges thereof now sitting personally came William W. Ellsworth a resident of Mayfield township in said county of Cuyahoga and state of Ohio, aged sixty nine years on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1831 who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7, AD 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

May 1, 1778 he went on to the frontier to Shindekin toward Delaware river to guard against the Indians in a notch of the mountains, was out seven month. He then lived at New Paltz Ulster County New York and went as a substitute in the New York militia under Capt. Korrodus Hardenburgh. He was a Sergeant and acted in that capacity.

May 1, 1779 went to [Sackawek?] staid six months and three weeks, twenty two in number, to guard against the Indians, was a Sergent and served under Captain Schoonmacker, one month for himself and the residue of the term for his neighbors as a substitute

In 1780 last of April, he went to [Lurin Kill?], 25 S.W. of Kingston, served there ½ month under Captain Brodhead, was a Sergeant, went to Mamacatin, was there two ½ months.

April 1781 enlisted in Poughkeepsie for nine months in the New York Militia under Captain Gilbert Livingston, Lieut. Benjamin Ostrander, ninety five privates in the whole, marched to the Blue Mountains West of Saugerties was there nine months, went first from Poughkeepsie to Fishkill, then in a sloop up the river to Cantine's Point, then to Esopus, then to Saugerties received orders there from Major Paulding then marched to the Blue Mountains built Fort [Besinn?] and having found the time was dismissed in Esopus 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

The applicant resided in New Paltz until forty five years old, then removed to Seneca in Ontario County. Fifteen years ago last February came to Chagrin, Cuyahoga County Ohio, after in six months returned to Euclid the adjoining township same county. After two years went back to Chagrin, continued there about four years, then removed to Mayfield his present abode where he has been nine years last February.

In the year 1778 in the forepart of the year he was a sergeant in Captain Potters company and was frequently called out in pursuit of Tories, some expeditions were out a week, sometimes two or three weeks and also during the winter of 1779.

In the winter of 1780 He was frequently called out in the same manner. He cannot particularize these services, but from 1778 to the close of the war he was most of the time engaged in the [?] militia service as before stated in pursuing and guarding the Tories.

The Applicant was born in Poughkeepsie Dutchess County and state of New York, but while an infant his parents removed over the river to New Paltz in Ulster County.

The preceding services were all under the authority of the State of New York. He does not know whom to call on as living witnesses. There is no Clergyman in my [?] where he now resides. He has no documentary evidence and was always honorably discharged.

The applicant is well known to Peleg Sterman, Samuel Waldo, to Isaac Brown Chagrin magistrates of Mayfield & Caleb Smith late magistrate in Orange the adjoining township and to Dr. John M. Hendersen, Postmaster at Chagrin. They will all certify to his character and have known him many years. So will Judges N. Allen & Dr. George W. Card of Chagrin.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is no on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) William W. Ellsworth

Sworn to in open court. Nov. 6, 1832, Horace Perry Clerk Com. Pleas