

Pension Application for John Elmendorf

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State ofc. New York

Rensselaer County

City of Troy. SS

On this eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in Open Court, before the judges of the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy in the County and State aforesaid, now sitting John Elmendorf of the town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy five 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 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,, that he the said John Elmendorf enlisted in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as a private soldier in the service of the United States in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Heermance in Colonel Graham's Regiment for the term of five months, that in the performance of the service required by such enlistment he was first marched to a place called Philips's Manor, as he thinks in the County of Westchester.

That he performed duty at different places in the County of Westchester until the fall of the same places in the County of Westchester until the fall of the same year when he was engaged in the battle with the British Troops at White Plains, after which he was marched to Peek'sKill where the whole Regiment went into winter quarters, at which place he remained until about the first of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven when his term of service for which he had enlisted, expired and he returned home to Dutchess County in the state aforesaid, where he remained until the month of February.

That during the same month he again entered the service under the same Captain Andrew Heermance in Colonel Graham's Regiment and continued to serve as a private soldier under the above mentioned officers in the County of Westchester & at Peekskill and in Garrison, but whilst at Peekskill as aforesaid there was but one company stationed there which was the company to which he belonged, in which last tour of service he was engaged and continued to serve for the term of three months. That after his return home in the summer of one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he again entered the service in a company of militia commanded by Lieutenant Cornelius J. Elmendorf and served under him about two months in guarding the magazine, and Power work, at Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid.

That on or about the first day of September in the same year, he again entered the service of the United States as a private in a company commanded by Captain John Heermance, and wherein the above named Cornelius J. Elmendorf was first Lieutenant, which company belonged to the Regiment Commanded by the above named Colonel Graham, that he proceeded to the northward and was actively employed in the northern campaign in the County of Saratoga and was present at the

taking of General Burgoyne and his army. That from Saratoga he was marched to the County of Ulster to a place called Hurley where Governor George Clinton then was and on or about the month of December of the same year was there discharged after having served for the term of three months.

That the whole his services as above detailed, together make thirteen months.

That during the whole of the above period he resided in the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and State of New York.

1. That he was born in the town of Esopus, new Kingston, in the County of Ulster and State of New York on the twenty ninth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.
2. That his age was recorded in a large family bible belonging to his father, which is, as he believes, now in the possession of his brother, Cornelius J. Elmendorf, who resides at the then town of Rhinebeck now Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid.
3. That when he first entered the service as above mentioned and during the whole time he remained in the service as aforesaid his place or residence, was the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and state of New York. That he continued to live in the town of Rhinebeck aforesaid for the period of about twenty years after leaving the service as aforesaid, from which place he removed to the town of Claverack in the same county where he lived about five years from which place he removed back to the town of Chatham where he remained two years: he then removed to the place of Nassau in the County of Rensselaer and state aforesaid at which place he constantly resided until the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one when in the spring of that year he removed to the town of Schodack in said County of Rensselaer where he has resided ever since and now resides.
4. According to the best of his knowledge and belief he went into the service and performed duty as above mentioned at all times as a volunteer.
5. That during the first period of service in which he was engaged for five months as above mentioned, hi officers were, Captain Andrew Heermance. Lieutenants George Sharpe and Herman Knickerbocker. Than Colonel Graham commanded the Regiment, and that the name of one of the field officers under him was either Lieutenant Colonel or Major Hopkins. Next Captains John Steenbergh and James Stewart both of Dutchess County aforesaid commanded Companies in the same Regiment under Colonel Graham. That according to the best of his recollection Governor George Clinton was in command of the State Troops among which he, this declarant served for the first five months as aforesaid. That while he was engaged as aforesaid to the northward the company two which he belonged was commanded by Captain John Heermance, and Lietuenants Cornelius J. Elmendorf and Adrew Heermance, and the regiment was commanded by the aforesaid Colonel Graham. Lieut. Colonel Hopkins and Major John Cantine, which Regiment was attached to the Brigade [Brigade]

commanded by General Glover, that all the officers above named are not dead except Lieutenant Cornelius J. Elmendorf.

6. That he never received a written discharge from the service.
7. That there is no clergyman living in his neighbourhood with whom he is acquainted but that Simeon Griswold and John Koon both of the town of Nassau Can testify as to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of a revolution.

And this declarant further says that at the time he entered the service as above mentioned the County of Westchester adjoined the County of Dutchess and that in performing his said service he was marched from Dutchess County to Philips's Manor in the County of Westchester, from thence easterly to White Plains and from thence to Peekskill -all in the same county.

That the rest of the eservice previous to the Northern Campaign was performed along and near the Hudson River in the said counties.

That in proceeding to the [norturd? northward?] his company went on board a vessel at Red Hook landing and proceeding up the Hudson's River to Albany by water. That the company disembarked at Albany and from thence marched by land on the west side of the Hudson river to Stillwater, crossing the Mohawk about nine or ten miles above Albany.

He this declarant, relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) John Elmendorf

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk