

Pension Application for Isaiah Esmond

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State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this fourth day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said County now sitting, Isaiah Esmond, a resident of the town of Copake in said County aged seventy eight years, who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That about the last of October 1775 while this applicant was a resident of Great Nine Partners Dutchess County, he entered the service of the United States. Previously he was an ensign in the Militia under one Capt. Ebenezer Allen.

That Capt. John Bolin of the United States Troops wished this applicant to join his company.

That said Bolin promised him the rank of Ensign if he would go. That he went to Fishkill where the troops were stationed & there received and Ensign's Commission in the Company of said Cap^t Bolin under which he engaged to serve one year in the Regiment of Col. Jonathan Bloom—(is not certain as to the "Jonathan") & thinks the Brigade of Genl TenBroeck. At the same time, John Simmons, Benj'm Haight, Jonathan wells, & John thorn enlisted as privates in the same company—That he served the full year of his engagement at Fishkill in said company & under said Ensigns commission & was on constant duty in the service during that time.

He thinks after this Captain Bolin was appointed Forage-Master--& this applicant engaged for another year in the company of Capt. Ebenson Allen (a different man from the one named above of the Militia) in the Regiment of Col. Hopkins & brigade of Genl Christopher Roberts—He engaged in said company as Ensign and the same commission as before—

The Lieutenants name was Northrop—The same privates as above also joined this company under this applicant—He recollects that the troops were ordered from Fishkill in the Fall of 1776, about the commencement of his second years service to white Plains but just before they arrived there they heard that the American troops had retreated & they retired to their old station at Fishkill -

They were fired upon by a British Scout while on this March & this applicant had a ball shot through his hat & one through his coat—several of his company were wounded sometime during the fall of the year 1777.

Said Col. Hopkins Regiment was ordered to the North. They marched to Salisbury in Connecticut, thence to Stockbridge in Massachusetts, & thence to Bennington Vermont, where they found two other Regiments stationed. He thinks this was after the Battle at Bennington & before the surrender of Burgoyne—Genl Stark was then at Bennington—while here his second year expired, about the time or soon after the surrender of Burgoyne—during which 2d year he was in constant duty as ensign in said Company.

And this applicant further says that he then again engaged in the same company again engaged in the same company again, same Regiment & with some associates for another year, & served said year as Ensign as aforesaid at Bennington aforesaid—

He then engaged another year in the same company as ensign & served it out at Bennington aforesaid & was there discharged with a written discharge by Col. Hopkins. That he was discharged about the first of November 1779, having served four full years, & he was never absent from his regiment except for short periods on furlough once in each year. He cannot find any living witnesses of his said service other than what is herewith sent. He believes all his said associates are dead.

And he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension on or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.+

In answer to the seven questions he says. That he was born on the 10th of July 1755 at Long Island afterward moved to Nine Partners. That his family Bible contains the record of his age. That since the Revolution he has resided at Nine Partners & at Copake where he now resides.

That he was always a volunteer in the service.

That the names of the officers which he can recollect are Captains Bolin & Allen—Cols Brown & Hopkins & Genls TenBroeck & Roberts & Lieutenant Northrop.

That he received only one written discharge from Col. Hopkins after four years service which was burnt together when his dwelling house was--& he has no documentary evidence.

And he would refer the war department to his neighbors to John Pixby Esq., Refine Latting, Rev'd Henry Truesdale, Adam Shults & Jacob Snyder who can testify to his character for truth and veracity & their belief of his service. (Signed) Isaiah Esmond.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J.D. Parker, Clk