

Pension Application for Ebenezer Farnworth

S.28724

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County Ebenezer Farnsworth a resident of the Town of Granville in the County of Washington & State of New York aged seventy six years on the sixth day of November last past 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he lived in Granville County of Washington & State of New York and being on Crownpoint the latter part of May 1775 he enlisted in Capt. Robert Cochran's Company in Col. Eason's Regiment for six months (the Brigade he does not know) in the Massachusetts Line that he continued & served in said Corps at Crownpoint until the Army went to Canada, when he went on Board a Schooner as a marine with the army and went to St. Johns in Canada was thee at the taking of that place, and in the beginning of winter he returned to Ticonderoga he was there discharged by Genl Schuyler about first of December of that year—That in this campaign he knew Genl Montgomery, General Schuyler, Col. Hinman, Maj. Elmer, & Col. Ethan Allen.

And he further states that in April he believes in the year 1776 he enlisted in Capt Oliver Parmeley's Company in Col. Bunnell's Regiment Majr Sedgwick for the term of one year the Brigadier don't know he so enlisted in Granville when the Company was on its march to Skeensborough where he marched with them and from thence by water to Canada and so on down the St. Lawrence in Canada met the troops below three Rivers towards Quebec was in the Battle on the three rivers on their retreat continued to retreat up the St. Lawrence to Sorel, Chamblee and finally out of Canada to Mount Independence on Lake Champlain where he continued until the first of February 1777, when the Term of the regiment's enlistment expires and he was discharged in writing by Col. Wayne he believes, that in this tour he knew Genl Arnold General Sullivan Genl Thompson Col. Maxwell, Col. St. Clair and others whose names he does not remember.

And he further states that in June 1777, the militia were called out and he volunteered in the occasion I went in Capt. Childs Company in Col Williams Regiment marched to Ticonderoga and three or four days the army retreated and arrived at Castleton Vermont that night and while there next morning he heard a firing at Hubbardton and the army continued their retreat to Fort Edward he continued in the militia until about the middle of July and served about one month and went home to Granville.

And he further states that immediately after arriving at home he enlisted in Capt. [Painvelee?] Allen's Company in Col. Herrick's Regiment for six months marched to Pawlet Vermont then to Manchester & Bennington was in the Battle at Bennington

in August after the Battle took the prisoners of war into the meeting house kept them over night, were then ordered and they marched back to Manchester & Pawlet Vermont from thence across through the woods to Lake George near Ticonderoga to destroy the British Transports they destroyed the [?] forts and took he believes about six hundred prisoners & released many American prisoners then went down Lake George to Dimond Island where they were defeated (having sent the prisoners towards Mount Independence before to Col. Johnson he believes and they retreated to Fort Ann & then to Pawlet Vermont, and from thence they scouted on Lake Champlain and to Lake George and continued doing so until the Battle of Saratoga with Burgoyne.

Then went on to Saratoga arrived there in time to see the British march out & lay down their arms as prisoners of war. He then with others went with Major Wait to Mount Independence, then marched to Gillinus Creek so called at Willsborough where they took a number of horses and forty British & Tories prisoners, then returned to Raculet Vermont where the Regiment was disband[ed] in the month of January 1778 having served in this company six months. He knew in this campaign Col. Warner, Genl St. Clair, Col. Leonard Col. Wells.

After this he was residing in Granville on the frontier n the militia the remainder of the war he was out every year in scouting the summers was out much of the time and in about September 1779 while Stockwell commanded at Skeensborough he was under Cap. Childs and he as Sergeant was ordered by him to command a party to reinforce the garrison at Skeensborough under Cap. Stockwell went & staid there half a month, and on various other times went to Ticonderoga on Scouting parties was gone generally about ten or twelve days and one time in 1781 late in the fall he went with a flag of trust to Crown Point with a Capt. McCarr who as the bearer of a packet from Lord Stirling to the British commander there informing him of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis eh was gone ten or twelve days—and at the burning of Skeens Stone house and other buildings at Skeensborough on the occasion when he was out a week or ten days.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can prove who can testify to his service.

And that there is no clergyman living in his immediate vicinity.

1. That he was born at Rutland Massachusetts on the 6th day of November 1756.
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That he lived in Granville Washington County New York when called into the service, and after the Revolution went to the adjoining Town of Fort Ann about 1782 where he lived sometime there to Kingsbury in the same county thence to Granville again thence again to Fort Ann where he now lives.
4. Enlisted & volunteered never served as a substitute.
5. That the names of the officers & Regiments he has mentioned as fully as he can remember in the body of his Declaration.
6. That he received several discharges but by whom they were all signed he don't know except the first by Genl Schuyler and the second by Col. Wayne

as above stated that they have all been lost or destroyed & had no documentary evidence.

7. That his is known by Thomas Griffith, John C. Parker, Samuel Standish and others who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk