

**Pension Application for Ezra Ferris**

W.16987 (Widow: Charity) Died Nov 3, 1833

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas holden in & for the County of Genesee and State of New York at the Court House in the village of Batavia in said County now sitting Ezra Ferris a resident in the town of Middlebury in the County of Genesee aforesaid 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 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of December in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he this deponent resided at a place called Fredericksburg precinct in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York and volunteered as one of the Militia of said State in the Company of Capt. Joel Mead in the regiment of Col. Henry Luddington & marched with said company to White Plains in the County of Westchester and served with said company of White Plains in protecting the forage of the County until it could be secured from the power of the British Army then in possession of New York.

That in the spring of seventeen hundred seventy seven he was a volunteer in the militia from the same company under Capt. Mead & in Col. Luddington's regiment and marched in Ridgefield & arrived there at the time Gen. Worcester was killed in the skirmish at that place after Danbury was burned, he marched from there to [Ramapo?] where the British embarked.

He was absent at this time about one year. That in the summer of the year 1777 he was in service as a volunteer he was out at several other times and one of them was at the time Fort Montgomery was taken that being near the lines he was constantly called upon sudden alarms and emergencies and was out for longer and shorter periods during the season as occasion demanded and this deponent further saith that in the month of December in the year 1777 one Josiah Kilburn came to this deponents residence in the County of Dutchess aforesaid with orders to enlist [??] as teamsters to drive teams belonging to the Continental Service that the said Kilburn stated that he had enlisted the then; but two of them had been taken sick and were unable to enter upon service and he requested this deponent to enlist in the room of said delinquent for the term of one year in said service and this deponent did enlist for the said term of one year and substitute as Branson (but he cannot be confident that is the name) that he immediately centered upon the same and change said teams that in the spring often he was enraged under the command of Col. Udney Hay in camping supplies to the army near Fishkill until the latter part of the summer when he was transferred with the team off to Westpoint and was employed under the direction of

Francis Chandenat in drawing timber, for [bombproof?] until his year expired and he was discharged that the said Josiah Killburn received a discharge for the said ten men enlisted by him including this deponent but no discharge was given to this deponent deponent other than the said general discharge given to said Kilburn—and this deponent further saith that in the month of August in the year 1781 he volunteered as one of a regiment of militia which was required from the County of Dutchess aforesaid for the term of four months.

That the said regiment rendezvoused at Fishkill and marched from there to Westpoint after staying some time they were ordered to Saratoga and then were discharged at the expiration of the said four months.

And this deponent further saith that he was born at Greenwich in Fairfield County Connecticut on the first day of September 1760 as he learned from the record kept by his parents in their family Bible a copy of which record he has annexed into his own family bile.

Since the revolution I have lived all the time in the State of New York [??] in the town of Hillsdale Columbia County, about eight year in the Town of Massachusetts in the County of Rensselaer about eight years in the County of Half Moon and fifteen years in the town of Milton in the County of Saratoga from whence he removed about four years since to the Town of Middlebury in the County of Genesee and State of New York where he now resides.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the Reverend Joseph Elliott of the Town of Middlebury & General Phinehas Stanton lives near & was acquainted with this deponent & can testify to the general opinion that he has been in the service of his country.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Ezra Ferris.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch clerk.

Letter in folder dated August 17, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter requesting the record of Ezra Ferris, a Revolutionary War soldier.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.16987, based upon the service of Ezra Ferris in that war.

Ezra Ferris was born September 1, 1760 in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

While a resident of Fredericksburg, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted in December 1776, and served six weeks as private in Captain Joel Mead's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment; he enlisted in the spring of 1777, and served one week at Ridgefield, when that place was attacked, and during that year served on several other short tours on alarms, one when Fort Montgomery was taken,

specific dates not given, under Captain Joel Mead and Colonel Henry Ludenton; he enlisted December 1, 1777, served as a teamster under Captain Josiah Kilborn, conductor of teams, and under Colonel Udney Hay, was later transferred and served under Captain Francis Chadonet, length of this service about nine Months; he enlisted in August 1781, and served four months as private in Captain Shepherd's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment; the entire length of his service was about sixteen months.

Following the war, the soldier resided in New York State, one year in Hillsdale, Columbia County, about eight years in Nassau, Rensselaer County, about eighty years in Half Moon and after that, in Milton, Saratoga County, Until about 1828, when he moved to Middleburg, Genesee County.

In 1832, the soldier resided in Middleburg, New York. He died November 3, in 1833 in the village of Wyoming, Genesee County, New York.

Ezra Ferris married on Sunday, October 29, 1779 in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, Charity; she was born Saturday, December 25, 1761, place not stated.

Charity Ferris the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed April 27, 1839, at which time she was a resident of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, New York.

She died January 14, 1841.

The family record of the soldier and his wife shows the following names:

Archibald Ferris Born September 10, 1780: died April 30, 1801.

Betsey Ferris Born May 31, 1782.

Betsey Ferris Born July 23, 1784.

Phebe Ferris Born March 18, 1786.

Reuben Ferris Born March 20, 1788.

Sarah Ferris Born April 9, 1790.

Deborah Ferris Born March 23, 1792.

James Covell Ferris Born March 14, 1794.

Jane Ferris Born February 8, 1796.

Richard Jacob Ferris Born August 26, 1798.

Joseph Ferris Born January 20, 1803; died January 21, aged 17 hours.

Anna Eliza Ferris Born November 27, 1804, died September 18, 1805.

In 1839, Sarah Ferris and Deborah Fox, daughters of the soldier and his wife, were residents of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, New York.

The above record is that of the only soldier named Ezra Ferris found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.