

## **Pension Application for Ephraim Fish**

S. 3357

State of Ohio, Huron County, Norwalk 27<sup>th</sup> July AD 1832.

One this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Supreme Court for the State of Ohio within and for said County of Huron now sitting in said Norwalk Ephraim Fish a Resident of Lyme—in the said County of Huron and said State of Ohio aged seventy two years who first being 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That eh was born in March AD 1760 in what was then called America Precinct Dutchess County State of New York.

At the commencement of the Revolutionary War, his Father had removed to Saratoga, then in Albany County now Washington County in said State.

That in the year AD 1776 he was called to the roll of the Militia of said State being then sixteen years of age in the Fall of that year. He was called out and served in said Militia that season for one month and served in a company commanded by Captain Peter VanVort in a Regiment commanded by John McCray, Colonel—went to Fort Edward, kept garrison there.

In the year of AD 1777, he served in said Militia in the same Company and Regiment, commanded by the same CAPTAIN AND Colonel. He was engaged in all the military operations which were conducted under the directors & command of General Philip Schuyler—was in several skirmishes but no important battles with the British—was much engaged in scouting and re[??] expeditions.

His Father lived about three miles from Bemis's Heights—General Horatio Gates commanded the American Army they retreated under General Schuyler down to VanSchaick's Island near to the present day Troy. They were then ordered by General Gates and marched up and took possession of said Bemis's Heights.

He the said Fish was present when General Burgoyne Capitulated & Surrendered—That the enemy surrendered their arms in their own [?] and he saw them march out without their arms General Gates allowed General Burgoyne several days to consider whether he would surrender himself and Army. The said Fish served about two months about the time of said Capitulation—that they were dismissed after said Captain & returned home. He was frequently & almost constantly to the time of peace for six weeks at a time every year called out to serve in the Militia he living on the Frontier.

That in the year AD 1782 he entered the three years service in the State troops. The legislature of said State having ordered two Regiments to be ordered to join the Continental troops. He the said Fish received a commission and acted as a first Lieutenant in said service & raised troops. Job Wright was his Captain. There were two Colonels viz, Colonel McKinstry and Colonel Marinus Willet. He received a warrant to recruit men. He was engaged at one time in recruiting for three months &

enlisted and brought in at one time fourteen recruits & served there about one year in the whole – their north post was Saratoga Barracks where he was commanded by Colonel Scott who was a Colonel of Rhode Island troops—the month he enlisted was the second of April he was discharged at the time of the peace. He never received a written discharge.

That he some years ago carried his commission to Albany for the purpose of getting Bounty Land which had been promised by the Legislature of said New York to induce people to engage in said new raised troops in which however he did not succeed.

That he left said commission with the Clerk he believes of the Legislature that he never has seen it since. The said Clerk afterwards being called upon was not able to find it. His son John Fish has heretofore after seen & remembers it was signed by the late Governor George Clinton. He believes he served during the Revolutionary War considerable more than Two years.

He has no documentary evidence of his said services & no other evidence except that of his said Son John.

The Militia of said State was classed by order of Congress and was called Levies—divided into Classes of sixteen each for nine months. He served having been one who agreed to serve as one for his class. One John Hawes to serve as his substitute who did serve as such said nine months. He has no record of his age. He has never before this applied for a pension, as no law before the present & last one passed by Congress on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1832, embraced his case having heretofore been possessed some property but is now poor.

The duties he performed as aforesaid having much confined to that part of the country where he generally was an inhabitant.

That since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Chenango County, Cortland County, Washington County State of New York from whence to wit from Chenango County he moved into Lyme in said Huron County where he now lives. (Signed) Ephraim Fish.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid Attest D. Gibbs Clerk Supt  
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Letter in folder dated September 30, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.3357, based upon the military service of Ephraim Fish.

Ephraim Fish was born March 16, 1760 in America Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. In 1772 he moved with his parents, their names not given, to Albany County, New York, twenty-six miles north of Albany, and lived there many years after the Revolution.

While a resident of Saratoga, Albany County, later Washington County, New York, he enlisted about October 1, 1776, and served one or two months as private in captain Peter VanWort's Company, Colonel John McCrea's New York Regiment. He enlisted July 5, 1777, served three or four months as private in Captain Peter VanWort's Company, Colonels VanVeghten and John McCrea's New York Regiment and was at the surrender of Burgoyne and in several skirmishes. From about August 1, 1778 he served three months in garrison under Major Ashley or Ashford. From 1779 he served two months under Captain Woodworth at Fort Edward. From May 1780 he served two months, names of officers not stated, and went on an expedition to Lake George. He enlisted in the fall of 1780 and served one and one half months in Captain Thompson's New York Company. On April 28, 1781 he was commissioned lieutenant, served in Captain Job Wright's Company, Colonels McKinstry and Marinus Willett's New York Regiment; length of service fourteen months.

In 1809 soldier lived in Cincinnatus, Cortland County, New York. He also resided in Chenango County, New York, and then moved to Lyme, Huron County, Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 27, 1832 while a resident of Lyme, Ohio.

Soldier at one time was a member of the legislature of New York.

He died October 7, 1838, place not stated, leaving no widow, but six or seven children and minors of deceased children; the only names given were those of his children, Ephraim Fish; John Fish who was aged forty-six years and living in Ridgefield, Huron County, Ohio in 1832; and Benjamin Fish nearly fifty years old in 1835.

In 1834 soldier's sister, Abigail Williams, appeared in support of the claim in Cattaraugus County New York. There are no further family data.