

### Pension Application for Asa Fitch

S.15121

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

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Willard first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County and State and Charles F. Ingalls & Benjamin F. Skinner Esquires, Judges of said court now sitting. Asa Fitch a resident of the Town of Salem in the said County of Washington and State of New York aged 66 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 enlisted in the Town of Salem aforesaid, on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1782, into Capt. Anthony Welps (1) Company of New York State Militia and Col. Marinus Willets Regiment for nine months.

That he marched from said Town of Salem to Saratoga where he staid about six weeks, from Saratoga, he marched to Salem in said County of Washington from Salem he marched to Granville in said County, from thence he marched to Salem and from Salem he marched to Schenectady in the then County of Albany—now County of Schenectady, where he remained in military service until the 26 or 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1782 when he was discharged.

That he had a written discharge signed by Lt. John Hunsdal (2) which he has lost. That at the time aforesaid, the said Counties of Washington, Saratoga and Schenectady were frontier Counties, and that the military service of the company to which he belonged, consisted in guarding the frontier, in going in scouting parties and defending the inhabitants and their property from the enemy. That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services.

That he is known in his neighbourhood by Aron Martin, Robert Pennel, John Willard, Doct'r Alexander Proudfit, Robert Stewart, and others. That he was born in the Town of Groton, County of New London and State of Connecticut on the 10<sup>th</sup> Novr 1765, has a record of his age in his Family Bible--

Was living in the aforesaid Town of Salem when he was called into military service in the war of the Revolution—Enlisted as is aforesaid stated.

Cannot state the names of any of my regular officers who were with the troops when he served, other than as is aforesaid stated—has lived in said Town of Salem 40 years.

He hereby relinquishes his 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) Asa Fitch

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

End Notes—S.15121—Asa Fitch

1. Anthony Whelp was appointed captain on April 10, 1782 in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. As the officers of this company did not fill their respective quotas for their commissions, they were discharged and the men they had already recruited were put into other companies. Fitch along with others were put in Captain Abraham Livingston's Company in Willett's Regiment. See end not no. 3. Of Thomas Boyd P.A.-- S.28649
2. John Houdsdon (Hudson, Houdsox, etc.) served as a lieutenant in Captain Livingston's Company in 1782. A John Hudson served as a sergeant and private in Captains Edward Long and John Armstrong's Companies in Colonel Alexander Webster's First

Regiment of Charlotte County Militia. Asa's pension application is only 9 pages long including the cover page and he does not give any militia service. Any militia service performed would have been in Captain Long's or Captain Armstrong's Company. Thomas Boyd had served in these companies as well.