

**Pension Application for Rosel W. or Roswell W. Fitch**

S.13031

State of New York

County of Chautauque [Chautauqua] SS

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Chautauqua aforesaid now sitting in the Court house in the Village of Mayville in said County, Roswell W. Fitch a resident of the Town of Pomfret & County & State aforesaid aged sixty six years last December 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 in February 1782 at East Winsor [Windsor] in the State of Connecticut he enlisted in the state troops of the State of Connecticut in a Company commanded by Capt. Josia Bissel of Col. Levi Wells Regt for 9 months.—That he immediately commenced the said service marched with the said Regiment to New York the State of New York—

That he continued to serve in protecting foraging parties, detecting cow-boys & such various services for about 8 months and a half until sometime in December 1782 when he together with Col. Wells and the party with him were surprised & taken prisoner's at Horse Neck in the State of New York & carried into the City of New York.

That he was confined as a prisoner in the Sugar House in the City of New York until sometime in January in 1783 when he was released & sent home.

That he has no recollection of receiving a discharge; that his whole term of service including his imprisonment was about eleven months.

And the said Roswell W. Fitch hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

And to interrogatories propounded by the Court the said Roswell W. Fitch says that he was born at East Windsor on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1765 as he is informed & believes—that he has no record of his age whatever—that after he returned he resided in East Windsor aforesaid until 1803 when he removed to the County of Oneida & State of New York where he resided thirteen years till the year 1816 when he removed to the County of Chautauque and State of New York where he has continued to reside ever since.

That besides Capt. Bissel & Capt. Wells above mentioned he was acquainted with Col. Beebe who commanded another regiment from Connecticut—that his services in the army were services as above stated—that he does not recollect of having received a discharge, but he does recollect that he was released from imprisonment at the Sugar House in New York & the deprivation & hardship which he suffered while there.—

That in the neighborhood of his present residence he is acquainted with Dea [Deacon] Ebeneer Webster with whom he was acquainted in his boyhood, Ephraim Thayer, & Hon. Philo Orton one of the Judges of this Court to whom he refers as to his

character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, that there is no clergyman in the neighborhood of his residence. (Signed) Rosel W. Fitch

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before the Judges thereof the day and year first above mentioned. James B. Lowry, Clk