

Pension Application for Elijah Freeman

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W.24240 (Widow: Pernel)

B.L.Wt.27569-160-55

State of New York

County of Warren SS.

At a court of Oyer and Terminer held in and for the said county of Warren at the Court House in the town of Caldwell in said County on the sixth day of December A.D. 1826. Present their honors.

R. Hyde Walworth, Circuit Judges

Walter Geer Jun'r, Harvey Powers, Judges of the Common Pleas of said County.

Personally appeared in open court being court of records, proceeding according to the course of the common law, and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment, Elijah Freeman residing in the town of Queensbury in said County and being first duly sworn on his oath saith.

That he is a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818. That his pension certificate is numbered 16.344 and that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

In the year 1776 he enlisted in the continental service under Capt. Job Wright in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York troops, afterwards commanded by Co. Peter Gansevoort, for the term of one year as a common soldier. That he served out the year and was honorably discharged—after which he performed various services in the Revolutionary War as a militiaman—he served as a militiaman at five different times, and in all about one year and for which he never received any compensation.

And in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820. I Elijah Freeman do solemnly [solemnly] swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed the 18th day of March 1818.

And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts of debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Elijah Freeman

Subscribed & sworn this 6th day of December A.D. 1826 in open court. Thomas Archibald, Clerk

Schedule of Elijah Freeman's property and estate.

Elijah Freeman lives in a house with a small piece of land in Queensbury aforesaid belonging to Mr. Haviland, for which he is to pay \$25 pr year rent, and has occupied it for about eight months.

He has no real property whatever, except the above in possession.—

His personal property is as follows—

One old man worth perhaps \$20.00.

One old horse wagon & [horse?] both old 15.00

Beds and bedding that have been in use many years nearly worn out & necessary to myself & family but worth but little to any one else. – 15.00

Eight old chairs and an old table 2.00

Some crockery and hardware & small utensils of household furniture in all worth not more than – 5.00

One old sleigh \$1.00 – 1 old cutter maybe \$5.00 – 6.00

A few farming utensils of little value – 3.00

His age is now 72 years—he is quite infirm – blind of one eye and a cripple in both arms, and unable to labour but little—his memory and recollection is much gone – His family consists of his wife aged 54 years and infirm & our daughter aged 14 years—he has other children who are, some of age, married and have families, and all except the daughter above named have removed from him—none of his children are able to support him without distressing themselves and families.

He is very deaf and it is with difficulty that he can hear so as to understand.
(Signed with his mark) Elijah Freeman

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the common seal of the said county this thirty first day of January A.D. 1827. Thomas Archibald, Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 11, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.24240, it appears that Elijah Freeman was born, February 17, 1754, place not stated.

He enlisted in March, 1776, and served one year as a private in Captain Job Wright's Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment. He afterwards served five tours in the New York Militia amounting in all to about one year.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 8, 1819, while a resident of Easton, Washington County, New York.

In 1826, he lived in Queensbury, Warren County, New York, where he had moved in May 1821.

He died December 10, 1836.

The soldier married, January 12 or 13, 1792, in Easton, New York, Pernel or Parnell, her maiden name not given.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 7, 1843, at which time she was about seventy years of age and was living in Easton, New York.

In 1848, she lived in Jackson, Washington County, New York and in 1855, she lived in Cambridge, Washington County, New York.

Elijah and Pernel or Parnell Freeman had the following Children:

Milton, died aged about 18 months.

Lyman born January 11, 1794, died at Sackett's Harbor in the United States Service during the War of 1812.

Elmer or Elmore born April 29, 1795, died in 1824, married August 8, and had a son, Lyman, born August 28, 1816.

Eunice

Matilda aged about 35 years in 1831 and the wife of Samuel Bridge.

Hiram aged over 30 years in 1830, married Elizabeth her maiden name not given and a resident of Napoli, Cattaraugus County, New York in 1830.

Manly C. a resident of Queensbury New York, in 1831.

Pamela wife of William Brownell.

Paulina wife of Kenyon Rathbun.

Ruth wife of George Brownell.

Harriet

Phebe

Anna