

Pension Application for Edward Gainer

R.3862

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

State of New York

Washington County SS.

Be it remembered, that on this 12th day of March 1834, personally appeared in open Court before John Willard, John Moss, David Woods, Judges of said Court Edward Gainer a resident of the Town of Jackson in said County aged 81 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 7th June 1832.

That he was born in March 1753 in Ireland, left there in 1772 and arrived in the Town of Cambridge, now Jackson in said County in the same year, where he has since resided.

That said Town of Cambridge has been divided and he now resides in that part of it called Jackson, has no record of his age, never had any written discharges.

That he is known in his neighbourhood by James McKee, Thomas Ashton and others.

That he knows no Clergyman by whom he can prove his revolutionary services, either in fact or by reputation.

That he was living when called into service in said Town of Cambridge—That he entered the service as a volunteer.

That he knew General Schuyler, Col. Joseph McCracken of the Continental army.

That on or about the 24th June 1777, he enlisted into the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier, in the aforesaid Town of Cambridge in Capt. Samuel Hodges Company of New York Militia, Col. Vandyke's Regiment for five months, and was immediately marched to Fort George at the head of Lake George in said State at New York, where he remained about three months, and was employed in repairing the fort, keeping garrison and building hospitals.

That from Fort George he was marched thence back to Fort Ann in the County of Washington, where he was employed in building a picket fort.

That he remained there until his term of enlistment for the five months expires when he returned home to said Town of Cambridge.

That he served his whole term of five months under the said Capt. Samuel Hodges, and he has no recollection of seeing during said time any Continental officers.

That in the month of July or August 1777 he entered as a volunteer soldier in the said Town of Cambridge into Capt Andrew Thompsons Company, New York Militia, Col. VanVoort's Regiment for three months.

That he marched immediately from said Town of Cambridge to the town of Stilwater [Stillwater] in the County of Saratoga, where he remained in hard service for three months.

That while there he was employed in fortifying and fighting General Burgoyne's Army. That he was in the battle when Genl Burgoyne was taken.

That he knew Genl Arnold and Gates and other officers of the Continental Army who were there.

That when his three months expired, he returned home to Cambridge aforesaid. That in the spring of 1779, but what time he can't remember he was drafted in the Town of Salem, in said County of Washington into Capt. Long's Company of New York Militia for three months service. Col. Gansevoort or Col. Williams commanded the Regiment.

That he was marched to Skeensboro in said County where he remained in service for three months. That his duties consisted in keeping garrison and guarding the frontier from the incursions of the Indians and British. That while there the only Continental officer that he saw or knew was Capt. [Stock well?] and that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of his services, but that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades.

For the year 1776 I served five months as a private. That in the year 1777 I served three months as a private. That in the year 1779, I served three months as a private.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Edward Gainer

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. J. S. Leigh
Clk.