

Pension Application for Zaccheus Grenger or Grainer

S.13206

State of Virginia [Flewannia?] County to wit. On this 24 day of June 1833 personally Appeared in open court before the justices company the Court of the County now sitting Zacheus Grainer a resident of said County aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States as a private and served under the following officers to wit that he enlisted at Skeenesboro in the State of New York in October 1776 in the company commanded by Jeremiah Burness, Lieutenant Thomas Lyon in the regiment of Vermont rangers under Col Seth Warner. Lieut Col Samuel Safford & Major Hopkins. Joined the Garrison at Ticonderoga in the spring of 1777 continued in garrison at Ticonderoga until it was attacked by Burgoyne and were compelled to retreat from there which we did on the 5th of July 1777. Retreated to Bennington in Vermont was at and engaged in the battle at Bennington where he captured a large number of prisoners and five pieces of Brass Three Pounders, at this Battle Col Sheene formerly of Skeensboro, commanded the Tories and Indians, remained at Bennington until we were ordered to join the American Army under Genl Gates and Arnold near Saratoga and remained in active service until after the surrender of Burgoyne in October 1777, the regiment of rangers were then furloughed for a short time, but assembled at Bennington in Jany 1778 from thence marched to Fort George in the State of N. York.

I was a private in the same company in which I entered, but under Capt. Chipman, Capt Burness having left the service, remained at fort George until it surrendered to the British under Col St. Leger. Thirty of our men were slain and scalped by the Indians without the fort, before its surrender. The regiment was carried to Montreal as prisoners of war, where I remained as a prisoner until July 1779 when I made my escape and returned home, after which I did not again join the army having been in service two years and three months, with the exception of two months on furlough and he here answers the following Questions propounded to him by the court to wit. 1st where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born at Westfield in the State of Massachusetts on the 27th of Octo 1760. 2d Have you any record of your age? Ans. I have not but have always been told that I was born at the time and place above stated & where were you living at the time you enlisted? Ans. at Skeensboro in the State of N. York. I moved to Virginia in the Spring of 1789 and have been living in the County of [?] since that time with the exception of four years in the State of Tennessee. 3d How were you called into service. Ans. I entered in the Regiment of Vermont Rangers. I never received a discharge having made my escape from Montreal as afore stated.

I have no documentary evidence to prove my services & I know of no person living by whom I can prove them, having had no communication with my friends in Vermont & N. York for many years. I am generally known in the county where I reside

and the affidavit of Barrell G. Payne & Reuben Crowdson herewith employed will show my standing in the county as [?] and [?].

And he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension other than the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid. (Signed) Zaccheus Grenger.

Sworn to this 24th day of June 1833 before George Stillman.