

## **Pension Application for Edward Hedger**

S.13378

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Cortland SS.

On this twenty second day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before Oliver Kingman Esq. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Cortland aforesaid, at Cincinnatus in said county, Edward Hedger, a resident of the town of Solon in the county of Cortland and State of New York, aged seventy seven 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was born at Shawangunk in the State of New York in the year 1755; as he believes, as he things there is a record there, but does not know. That owing to his age, and now feeble body, as well as infirm state of health, he is unable personally to attend court to make this declaration.

That he voluntarily enlisted at Shawangunk; where he then resided, in April 1776, in Capt. Uriah Drake's Company. Thomas Dunn was ensign of said company, he cannot remember the names of the other officers. On enlisting he went to Fort Montgomery and helped build the same. He thinks there were three companies together there in the service. The following officers he things were there—Col. Swartwout, Major Glasby, Capt. Swartwout, Capt. Billings & Capt. Gross and his Capt Uriah Drake. All assisted about building said fort.

That said enlistment was for three months – served the time out and was dismissed at that place.

That on getting home he is 2 or 3 day was again enlisted in the company of Capt. Jacob Conklin for five months.

His company officers were, said Capt. Conklin, Lieuts William Irwin and Johanna Brown—was attached to Col. Levi Pawlings Regiment, Major Logan,. On thus enlisting he went to Fort Washington and continued there, and in its neighborhood, most of said five months with said officers – was at Kingsbridge & Morrissena part of the time—was taken to Long Island this tour at the time the British were there—was in several skirmishes there and in the battle which was fought there—after which retreated on to York Island with the whole army under Gen. Washington—and followed the movements of said army till it went to White Plains and was personally in that battle.

During these battles he was under different officers—Saw Gen. Washington while there and a great many other officers—There were a great body of troops on both sides—He thinks he remembers that gen. George Clinton, and James Clinton, both being there while he was.

After the battle of White Plains he went into New Jersey with the main army or a large part of it, and stayed there with the main army as he believes for sometime, that is to say for a few weeks. While there was keeping guard of provisions, and doing such common duties as were assigned him.

He was dismissed at the end of his five months—but he forgets whether it was in New Jersey, or at West Point. Perhaps he had marched up there and was there dismissed—is not certain – but he recollects well, it was about Christmas—He then went home.

That in a few days after getting home he again volunteered in the company of Capt. Henry Clark—Lieut David Clark, he thinks—That he went with said company to Mamme Cotton, Lundkill, Wawasink and Minisink during the winter, keeping guard against the Indians—that he was gone thus in said service till April he believes—it was quite muddy when he was dismissed and went home.

There was no other company or troops with them. But thinks there was another company at Marbletown, not a great way off—thinks he was out this tour three months.

That shortly after getting home at Shawangunk, he again in April 1777, enlisted for eight months in the company of Capt. John Glasby—Lieut Ostrander—and Ensign Clark. He served with them for said eight months and was dismissed or discharged the forepart of winter, he thinks—the snow was on the ground quite deep.

This tour or enlistment he went to New Jersey & soon his company joined Col. Markalum & Regiment—Major Hatfield—Soon went to Elizabethtown and there or in its vicinity joined the army under Gen. Washington—Was in some skirmishes and fighting with the [??] this season—He thinks he was at or in the vicinity of a place called Middlebrook this year.

The latter part of the campaign was at Hoboken doing common duty and was there discharged as he believes in the month of December at the expiration of his term—and went immediately home.

On getting home he again in a short time, volunteered under Capt. Henry Clark of Newburgh—His brother David Clark was Lieut. of the company—went on to the same station which they occupied the previous winter—was under the same officers two winters in the same place, guarding the inhabitants against the Indians—was in this service until spring—was thus absent in said service he thinks above three months, when he went home again on being dismissed.

That he again in the spring of 1778, entered the service in Capt. John Milkin's company—Lieut John Glasby, Ensign David Glasby—that said company was a part of the time under the command of Col. Cantine, but does not know that it was attached to his regiment. He is quite sure he was under him some days he was in New Jersey this year a part of the time.

That he was in the battle of Monmouth—thinks he fought in this battle under Capt. John Blasby—that he was under different officers—Knows Gen. Washington was there as he saw him—Remembers hearing Gen. Lee was.

He continued with the troops till winter, but cannot tell where he was dismissed—thinks he was in the service this six months or more—

That he again entered the service at Shawangunk, in the spring of 1779, in April he thinks, in the company of Capt. William Faulkner—Lieuts William Ostrander, and Thos. Oliver and under him joined Col. Albert Pawling's Regiment—that he served under him nine successive months.

He went with his regiment this year he believes into the interior of the State of New York, as afar as Painted Post or Tuscaroras—there they found or had orders he thinks it was in a letter put up on a tree, if they had not provisions to return to join Gen. Washington's army in New Jersey and they did so—stayed till winter, snow was deep, then went to Fishkill and was there discharged—He believes he had a written discharge from Capt. Faulkner, which he believes to be among his papers formerly sent to the War Department but does not know.—He has none now in his possession, nor does he know of any he ever had except as above.

He further states that he was in the service every year form his first entering it, in summer and winter, sometimes longer and sometimes for shorter tours, during the Revolutionary War.

That he was at [Crumkill?] under Capt. Johnson, he thinks, in the service on the frontiers, when news of peace arrived—but he cannot remember this particular officers & services to relate them, more than he has done. That he is old and his memory is considerably broken—but he well knows he was in the war, the greater part of it, and he believes as related by him. All is stated according to his best recollection.

That his Christian name in youth and in the army was generally called Evert or Evrit or an abridgment, as perhaps the Cutch of Edward—but Edward is the English or true name—

That after the Revolutionary War he lived for several years, thinks 6 or 8 years at Shawangunk—then he removed to Montgomery In Orange County, where he lived a few years—then removed to Scipio in the County of Cayuga and resided there several years—then to Sempronius in the same county where he lived several years—that to Locke in the same county & resided a few years and from there he came to Solon in the County of Cortland, where he now resides and has ever since resided, being four years last past.

That he made a declaration and applied for a pension under the law of 1818, as he supposes, while he resided in Sempronius in the County of Cayuga—and also he has made a new declaration since he has resided in Solon in Cortland County.

The papers of both applications are in the War Department as he is informed and believes.

That he procured some proof of a part of his services which accompanied said application, and that he does not know that he can procure any other or more proof than can be found among said papers of said applications.

That he supposes he did not in either of said applications go into a statement of all his several enlistments or tours of service, as he believes he was told it was not necessary.

That he is known to Abraham Parliman and James Finn, in his present neighborhood, who can testify in regard to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all and 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 with his mark) Edward Hedger.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before Oliver Kingman, Judge of Cortland County Common Pleas.