

Pension Application for Oliver Humphrey

S.13485

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832, personally appears in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County now sitting Oliver Humphrey a resident of Phelps in the county of Ontario and State of New York aged seventy five years, who being 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Volunteered in the Revolutionary War in the month of April 1776 and continued in the service until the close of the war—he served as a private under Captain William Tillford, James Humphrey and William Falkender in their companies of minute men of New York Militia in Col. James McCloughrey's Regiment in the Brigade commanded by Genl George Clinton, resided at this time in the town of New Windsor (then Ulster County) in the State of New York.

During his first years service he assisted in making prisoners a party of Cow Boys, 36 in number which they took to Sussex Jail in the State of New Jersey.

Was also at Fort Montgomery one month at one time under Captn James Humphrey. That during this year he served one month (December) in Capt William Tillford's company at Paramus Church in the State of New Jersey guarding against the enemy who then lay in New York, Col. McCloughrey's Regiment was then stationed at Paramus Church, recollects well that Genl George Clinton was there at that time during this year he served several times on alarms and scouts in the vicinity of Fort Montgomery and along the Hudson river.

That in the year 1777 her served at least one third of his time on scouts and alarms under the commanders above mentioned at Fort Montgomery and along the line of the Hudson River—was on the opposite side of the river from Fort Montgomery when that Fort was taken (in October) he was sent across the river in a detachment under command of Capt Cutteback to guard the chain, where they remained in sight of the whole action until the fort was taken.—

That the same evening after they marched up the river to the Continental Ferry and joined Col. James McCloughrey's Regiment, was out this campaign at least one month.

That in the year 1778 he served three months on scouts and alarms, was out one month during this year under Captain Falkender at West Point on fatigue, assisted in building the fort at West Point—Was also out one month at one time under the command of Capt. Tillford at Nipenaugh in the State of New York guarding against the Indians.

That in the year 1779 he served (besides his duty on scouts and alarms which consumed at least two months of his time) two months, one month under Capt. Tillford at Nipenaugh guarding against the Indians and one month under Lieut.

McBride of Capt Tillford's company at Warsink in the State of New York (In the month of October)

From the year 1779 until the close of the war he was continually in the minute service under the commanders aforesaid, consuming at least one third of his time in actual service. His duty was generally guarding against the Indians and Tories along the line of the Hudson at Fort Montgomery and the Shawangunk Mountains—his duty was at times services, as the Indians and Tories were very troublesome and needed vigilant watching.

Was born in the town of New Windsor, then Orange County, state of New York in the year 1758 where he resided after the war until the year 1791 when he removed to Phelps; County of Ontario and State of New York where he has since resided.

That he has no documentary evidence of service but is well acquainted with Charles Humphrey who knew him while in the service and has since known him and will certify to the same and is also well acquainted with Charles Humphrey and George Humphrey who reside in his neighbourhood who will certify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having served in the Revolution. He served a private in the above tours. He knows his age to be 74 years from a record kept in his family Bible.

He hereby relinquishes 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) Oliver Humphrey.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Charles Crane, Clerk