

Pension Application for Ezekiel Thayer

S.14690

State of Connecticut

Litchfield County

Probate Court

District of Kent. SS. At Kent.

On this 3d day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before Nathaniel P. Perry Esquire Justice of the County Probate for the District of Kent aforesaid holding and constituting said Court now sitting Ezekiel Thayer of said residing in said Kent in said Litchfield County and the State of Connecticut aged seventy five 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, 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Bellingham County of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts in the month of July the 4th day AD 1757. That he has a record of his age as his parents told him ion Texbridge, Worcester County Massachusetts but does lnot know of any himself.

He lived in New Canaan, now called Canaan State of New York near New Lebanon, Columbia County. Enlisted at a Tavern Keeper, called Demmons, and ever since the Revolutionary War has lived & resided in the said Town of Kent.

That he enlisted into the Company commanded by Capt George Darrow of New Lebanon, at said New Canaan fifteen others enlisted the same time, the names of some of of who he relates as follows, to wit Isaac Demmons, Drummer, Isaac Wright Fifer, Joshua Ames, Daniel Kultz, Griffin afterwards made Serjeant, Zepheniah Darling.

Immediately after enlisting into the service of the United States aforesaid which was about the last part of April or 1st of May the year before Genl. Burgoyne was taken, and for the term of nine months. He marched to Albany to guard General Schuyler. After they had remained at Albany about three weeks, he had orders to march to Fort Edward to guard the provisions. The Colonel & Lieutenant Colonels names were VanWyke & VanDyke remained at Fort Edward some 2 or 3 months. Then marched to the Fort at Lake George and then repaired the fort, and then were some left at Fort George while he with others were ordered to cut through the swamp to Fort Ann and made a road. (The army had formerly gone around) which was done and then made a Picket Fort at Fort Ann, and then quartered nearly the whole Winter.

During the winter his term of service for said nine months expired, he took from his Capt. a written certificate of a discharge but never kept it long and does not know what has become of it, and that he further remembers that in said term of nine months In the summer in June or July sickness by small pox prevailed at Ticonderoga and the sick at Ticonderoga were sent to Fort George across the Lake.

There was a hurricane that scattered the boats and drove many onshore and many was lost.

That as soon as his nine months expired he immediately entered into the said Service of the United States again by taking the place of Isaac Thayer his brother who

was then at the same place in the company commanded by Captain Walker, as a substitute for the said Thayer, and served two or three months at said Fort Ann and at Fort Edward and received no written discharge this last term of service.

At that Jeremiah Fuller, John M. Raymond, Abel Beach, John W. McKay are persons residing in Kent and to whom his is well known in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence or witnesses or testimony that he can procure of which he knows.

That 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Ezekiel Thayer.

In presence of Fredak. Chittenden. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid by & before said Court. Frederick Chittenden, Clerk s' Court.