

## **Pension Application for Elias Manchester**

S.11040

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

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 24 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—now sitting Elias Manchester a resident of Scipio in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged seventy four years and upwards, 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 entered the service of the United States in the month of March 1776, enlisted at Saratoga for nine months under Capt. Robert Edmunson Lieutenant Michael Ryon, in Col. VanSchaick[‘s] Regiment, Marched to Albany thence to Ticonderoga thence to St. Johns, and there met with and joined Gen. Arnold’s Army when on their retreat thence to Fort George thence in company with Capt. VanNess & Capt Hodge’s Companies to Schuylers Barracks at Saratoga in the County of Albany and was then discharged at the expiration of Nine Months. Thinks he had a written discharge which has since been lost.

That he volunteered at Saratoga in June 1777 under Capt. VanVort in Col. VanVeghten’s Regiment. Marched to Fort Miller thence to Fort Edward and returned at the expiration of one month shortly afterwards volunteered under the same officers. Marched to Fort Ann remained in the service three weeks then returned to Saratoga, soon after volunteered under the same officers in the same company. Marched to Skeensborough (Now Whitehall) remained there Four Weeks had some skirmishes with the Indian Tories and a few British Regulars. Retreated before Mjor[sic, Major] Skeenes forces to Stillwater Saratoga Skeens forces passing through Cambridge to Bennington.

That he Volunteered again at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga was in the service his time two weeks was in the engagement when Burgoyne was taken was wounded in his right thigh by a ball.

That in the month of March 1778 he enlisted at Saratoga (now Easttown) under Capt. John Varna for six months. Marched to Albany and entered the Batteau Service from Albany to West Point was discharged at Albany at the expiration of six months don’t recollect whether he had a written discharge if so it has been lost.

That in July in 1779 he was drafted in Capt. Jonathan Weller’s Company in Col. Southerland’s Regiment in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York. March[ed] to the Highlands remained three weeks and returned home.

That in or about the month of August 1780 he was drafted at Dutchess County under Capt. Southerland for three months. Marched to West Point thence to Fort Put and remained in the service until the expiration of the aforesaid three months.

That at another time he was at the Highlands in a General alarm about two weeks.

That in the year 1781, he was drafted under the same officers to go to West Point. Hired Henry Head as a substitute who went and remained in the service for six weeks.

That in or about the month of September 1782. He was drafted under Capt. Felt Wheeler in Col. Morehouse[‘s] Regiment. Marched to Croton River in the State of New York—Served six weeks and then returned home.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)  
Elias Manchester

This 24 day of Sept 1832 before me, Asahel Fitch, Judge of Cayuga Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated August 30, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11040, it appears that Elias Manchester was born in Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

From March, 1776, nine months in Captain Robert Edmonston’s Company, Colonel VanSchaick’s Regiment.

From June, 1777, one month in Captain VanVort’s Company, Colonel VanVeghten’s Regiment.

Shortly afterwards served three weeks under the same officers as previous enlistment; and soon thereafter served four weeks under the same officers as previous enlistment.

In October, 1777, two weeks, officers not stated, was at the battle of Saratoga and the surrender of Burgoyne, and was wounded in his right thigh, (nature of wound not stated.)

From March, 1778, six months batteau service under Captain John Warner.

From July, 1779, three weeks in Captain Jonathan Weller’s Company, Colonel Sutherland’s Regiment.

From August, 1780, three months in Captain Sutherland’s Company.

About two weeks at the Highlands in a general alarm, no officers given and date of enlistment not stated.

From in September, 1782, six weeks in Captain Felt Wheeler’s Company, Colonel Morehouse’s Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, while a resident of Scipio, Cayuga County, New York.

Soldier’s family is referred to, but no names are given except that of E. Manchester, a son, who in 1835, was living in Scipio, New York.