

Pension Application for Reuben Olmsted

S.14051

State of New York

Columbia County SS

On this third day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Hudson now sitting Reuben Olmsted a Resident of the Town of Canaan in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the New York State Malitia. [Militia] He was first drafted in a company under Capt Elijah Bostwick at the Town of Caanan aforesaid. Ensign Samuel Olmsted do not recollect the Lieutenant's name in Colonel Whiting's Regiment as drafted and march[ed] about the first of June 1775. My Brother started a few months before me to Boston and was at the Battle of Lexington. I first marched to Albany and from thence to Fort Edward and while there frequently went on Scouting parties—was in no engagement and was verbally discharged about the firs of October in the same year Remembers it was the time for cutting Stacks.

Term of service four months, Second Term went as a Volunteer under Capt Cady does not recollect [recollect] the Lieutenant or ensign—Colonel Waterman had the command march[ed] from The Town of Cannan [Caanan] aforesaid about the first of May 1776 first marched to Albany from thence to Schenectady and thence to Fort Stanwix—and march[ed] at one time to a place called Johnstown. About one hundred of the troops went as a scouting party and Returned back to Fort Stanwyx [Stanwix] & Remained there the Residue of the season and was Discharged The first of Nobember [November] the time of enlistment having expired being Six months.

Third Term Volunteered under Capt Aaron Kellog in Colonel William Waterman thinks his name was Asa Enlsited at Canan aforesaid about the first of July 1777 and marched to Albay [Albany] and from thence to Fort George was in the nuborHood [neighborhood] of Fort George marching Back & Forth until after the surrender of Burgoine was in several Skirmishes previous to the Battle was under the command of Genl Scuyler [Schuyler] Arnold had the command of the Continentals until Gates came & was Commander in Chief and was Discharged immediately after the surrender of Burgoine. About the 20th of October and got home about the first of November term of service four months.

Went again under Captain Jonathan Olmsted in a Regiment under the command of Colonel Esselstyne marched from Cannan aforesaid about the first of September 1778 marched to FishKill on the on the Hudson River, was called out to got to West Point did not go –

[??] FishKill and was Discharged about the First of Novmeber. I am not positive that this term was in the year above stated—but think I am correct I know that I served the tour—my brother William was with me he is not dead. The term of services was twomonths.

Again enlisted at the town of Canan under Capt. William Werner & Colonel Waterman—about the first of April 1779 and marched by the way of Albay [Albany] to Fort George and remained there or near there. We went on an alarm, went to prevent the Brittish & Indians from Distressing the inhabitants and I believe I was discharged in October following I think the last. Term of service 7 months.

I was also several times called out and marched some times as far as Albany and at other times as far as Schenectady was absent from two to eight weeks, I cannot now Recollect the duty an[d] he has no written Documents or living witnesses by which he can prove his services or who will testify to it.

Hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a penis or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Reuben Olmsted

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above [?] John D. Parker, Clerk

To the interrogatories he answers he was born in East Hadhum in Connecticut on the [16th] of Apl 1753. The record of my age is in my Bible was living in Canaan aforesaid when called into service and live there still—I was once Drafted and Volunteered at each of the other terms—Cannot name any of the Continental Officers except those mentioned in my application do not recollect do not Recollect any of the Regiments—my service was as above stated and I do not recollect any other particulars. I received no written discharge. I would refer the department to the Revd Hutchins Taylor whose affidavit is hereunto annex'd William Jams Esqr, Post Master, William Lusk Esqr & Doct, no Lusk. (Signed) Reuben Olmsted

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year first above [?].