

## **Pension Application for Eli Parsons**

S.43782

State of New York

Oswego County SS.

On this sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Oswego, being by a public statute of the State of New York a court of record for the said County—Eli Parsons aged seventy two years, resident in the Town of Oswego (Late town of Hannibal) in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows.

That he served as a Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Swards Company of Artillery in the Massachusetts line and in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Crane of Boston; that the date of his original declaration or application for a pension was on the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that the number of his pension [pension] certificate is eleven thousand two hundred and ninety six.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the Eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818—and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or Securities, Contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit.—

A schedule of all the estate real and personal of Eli Parsons whose name is hereunto subscribed of Oswego in the County of Oswego and State of New York, necessary clothing and bedding excepted, that is to say, of real estate. I occupy on an amt, twelve acres of land lying in the town and County of Oswego of which six acres are [?] Land, and the remaining six acres under improvement.

My personal estate is with the above exception as follows viz—

Stock: one cow, five years old, one calf, a few weeks old, two store hogs—  
Cooking utensils and household furniture two Iron kettles, one iron pot, one iron tea kettle, one spider, one pair of Iron Andirions, one fire shovel, one pair tongs, one fire shovel, one pair tongs, one axe, one hoe, six common chairs, one set knives and forks, six table spoons, three milk pans, one pair sad Irons four candlesticks, two pails, two earthen pitchers, twelve earthen plates one set coffee cups & saucers, one sugar bowl, one cream pot, one set tea cups and saucers, one tea pot, one coffee pot, two earthen bowls, one set Silver tea spoons, six napkins, two table cloths, two old pans of candle snuffers, two [?] tea waiters, two oval earthen platters. (Signed) Eli Parsons.

And this declarant under his oath aforesaid further states, that his sole occupation is that of a farmer which his bodily infirmities under him very unable to pursue and that the number, names, ages and capacity for Labor of his family living

with him are as follows, viz, my wife, Persis aged sixty six as infirm as usual at her age, Alonzo P. Tompkins an orphan Grandson, aged ten years healthy and active, Maria Dougherty, a mother [?] and [?] grand-daughter, aged six years, healthy but too young to earn any portion of her subsistence.

And this declarant on his oath aforesaid further saith that he is indebted to sundy persons but chiefly to the firm of Townsend Bronson & Co. of Oswego, to the amount of about four hundred dollars. (Signed) Eli Parsons.

Sworn to and declared in open court of the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820. James Bete, Judge Os. Co. Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated February 28, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Eli Parsons, of New York State.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.43782, based upon the military service of Eli Parsons In the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of Eli Parsons, and named of his parents are not given.

Eli Parsons was commissioned, February 1, 1777, First Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Seward's Company, Colonel John Crane's Regiment of artillery, was wounded In the battle of Germantown, and resigned his commission, May 7, 1779.

The place of residence of Eli Parsons during the Revolutionary War was not stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 1, 1919, at which time he was living in Oswego, Oswego County, New York. He was still a resident of Oswego, in 1820, then aged seventy-two years, and stated that his family residing with him at that time consisted of the following—wife, Persis, aged sixty-six years, an orphan grandson, Alonzo P. Tompkins, aged ten years a motherless granddaughter, Maria Dougherty, aged six years.

Eli Parsons died September 26, 1830.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.