

Pension Application for John Phelps

S.16224

State of New York

County of Steuben SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Judges [of] the Court of Common Please [Pleas] now sitting John Phelps a resident of Prattsburgh County of Steuben and State of New York aged seventy one 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1776 he resided in New Canaan Columbia County State of New York and enlisted as a minute man under Col Whiting, Capt. Isaac Deming, Lieut George Darrow, Ensign Lewis Graves. They met often for exercise and improvement and held themselves ready to march according to order at a moment's warning, and twice they took up spies and Tories and marched them to Albany.

Served four months in 1777, he took the place as a substitute of Parker-Peeverty, who was drafted, under Col. John McKinstry, Capt. Nehemiah Fitch & [Silas?] Lee, marched by the way of Albany to VanSchaacks Island where they joined the army under Genl Gates and marched to Stillwater, and on the 8th of October fought on Bemis' Heights under Generals, Arnold, Sprout, and Nickerson October 14th they fought under Genl Morgan at Stillwater from there they followed the British to Fish Creek and Saratoga. Lay there on hard duty until Burgoyne Capitulated and then marched by Albany down the river to Newburgh. He was there discharged after three months service.

In June 1778 he was drafted and marched to Cherry Valley under Col Alden, Lieut James Phelps—lay there scouting and hunting Indians one month.

In July 1778 he took the place as a substitute of Israel Phelps, who was drafted—went to Cherry Valley under Lieut Allen commandant, Scouting from one to three days at a time one month.

In 1779 he took the place as a substitute of Ebenezer Phelps who was drafted under Col Alden and Capt. Nathaniel Nobles marched to Schoharie and lay there from one Fort to the other repairing the forts and occasionally scouting for four months was discharged at Schoharie.

Late in the fall of 1779 he was called out with the whole company on an alarm. Under Colo Whiting, Capt. Bostwick, Lieuts Allen & Hallenbeck, marched by Albany and Schenectady to Fort Hunter where they overtook Brant's party of Indians and followed them, fighting and skirmishing to the lakes and then returned to Albany out one month.

In 1780 he took the place as a substitute of Daniel Pease, who was drafted, under Col VanRenselaer [VanRensselaer] Capt. Gideon King, marched to Fiskill and joined the Army under Genl Washington lay there three months.

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) John Phelps

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. M.S. Rumsey, Dept Clk
Steuben County