

Pension Application for Elisha Reynolds

W.813 (Widow Elizabeth)

B.L.Wt.11093-160-55

State of Vermont

County & District of Grand Isle SS

On this 8th day of January 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Honl. The Court of probate within and for the District of Grand Isle now sitting, Elisha Reynolds a resident of Isle LaMott in the County and District of Grand Isle and State of Vermont aged seventy years in August 1833, that on the 29 day, 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated under Captain Hawley as he believes, but does not distinctly recollect Colonel Charles Dyers Regiment, in 1st November 1776, and continued in the service untill he received a wound by a Musket Ball though his left arm from arm from the enemy at Boston Neck on the 7 day of August 1777, land for which his name is now on the Pension List Roll of the Pensions agency, and receives an Invalid Pension, by virtue of a certificate now in his possession for that Purpose, that he returned home. Was paid in Continental bills and rationed by the commissary Peter Phillips during his stay at home sick of his wound under care of Solomon Sprague Surgeon of the [Exeter RI?] until April 1778 when he joined his company then under the command of Ensign Preston Tenless, Lieut Stephen Whitman, and Captain Jonathan Bates in Col. Charles Dyers Regiment. That he served as above stayed under five engagements as a substitute

1st for his Father Elisha Reynolds and was quartered at Obdykes, NewTown in the State of Rhode Island at the House of one Mr. Hait,

2nd a substitute for Benjamin Reynolds Junr.

3rd a substitute for his father Elisha Reynolds.

4th a substitute for John Spencer and was quartered at Mr. Obdykes house of the above place

5th substitute for his father again and John Spencer alternately as they were by Class In the Militia Required to served. He does not recollect the precise length of time his different employers changed places in, as he answered for one untill his term expired, and then for either on his coming to relieve the first, and so in succession was quartered at Thomas Bissell's and Benjamin Gardners on Boston Neck at which place he was wounded as above stated. He served half a month after joining the company in April 1778, was dismissed. This being expired of his engagement.

That he again entered the service in the last of July or first of August 1778 under Captain Jonathan Bates in the above written Regiment and was one of and served in General Sullivan Expedition to Newport, Rhode Island a substitute for a Mr. Gardener twenty days, he was then dismissed and returned home to his father's who resided in Exeter in the State of Rhode Island.

That he again entered the service in the year 1779 under Captain Samuel Shaw of Berlin in the County of Rensselaer (then Albany) having removed to that place) and State of New York in the summer or fall of said year the precise time of entering, leaving he cannot recollect but recollects of serving one month and believes longer that he entered at Berlin aforesaid a volunteer marched from thence to Fort Edward in the State of New York and remained in service there until dismissed, Colonel Henry K. Van Rensselaer commanded the Regiment to which he belonged.

Again the following year 1780 he served at Schoharie one month under the above named officer, Col. VanRensselaer Captain Saml Shall, the time of entering and dismissal he does not recollect but was there in harvest time a volunteer, at the Captain's Regiment, again the same summer 1780 he enlisted at Petersburg under Lieutenant Stephen Randall in Colonel Abbotts Regiment for 3 months as a Ranger in search of and expelling three Tories and Indians in different surrounding Island, Mountains, and New Settled places in this tour he served one month and was then dismissed.

Again in the winter of 1781 he enlisted men for nine months to live at Skeensboro, now Whitehall, State of New York (the following names persons were enlisted by him James Odell, Caleb Hall, Elisha Bailey, Samuel Whiter, [?] Benjamin Holmes, and many others names not recollected) in the spring of the year he repaired with the men enlisted to Skeensborough, and joined a company commanded by Captain Dyer and Lieut Obadiah Vaughan from whom his enlisted orders issued in Colonel Ebenezer Walbridges Regiment of Vermont, State Troops or Militia that he served the said nine months at that place and was dismissed in December of the same year, in addition to the specific periods, stated during the years 1779 and 1780 he was in almost constant actual service as a volunteer in detached services on alarms, which were at that time almost incessant.

One at Eveloomskaik, was quartered at another time at the White House in Hoosick, another time at Mr. Dotts in Hoosick and other terms which he cannot recollect to particularize he has not written discharge nor other documentary evidence that such as it herewith transmitted & that he knows of no other persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service nor had he any commission.

I was born in North Kingstown R.I in the year 1763.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and his invalid pension, and which by the law of February 19, 1833, he is authorized to retain, and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state, only on that of the agency of the State of Vermont as an Invalid Pensioner I have no record of my age in Exeter TownBook in the State of Rhode Island.
(Signed) Elisha Reynolds

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joel Allen Judge.

Letter in folder dated May 24, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Elisha Reynolds born in Exeter or North Kingston, Rhode Island in 1763.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim W.813, based upon service of Elisha Reynolds in the Revolutionary War.

Elisha Reynolds was born August 29, 1763, in North Kingston, Rhode Island, and was the son of Elisha Reynolds, the name of his mother was not stated. He father was a resident of Exeter, Rhode Island during the Revolutionary War.

While a resident of Exeter, Rhode Island, Reynolds enlisted November 1, 1776, served as private in Captain Hawley's company, Colonel Charles Dyer's Rhode Island regiment, August 7, 1777, at Boston Neck, he was wounded in his left arm by a musket ball, when home on furlough where he remained under the treatment of a surgeon until April 1778, when he returned to his company then commanded by Captain Jonathan Bates and served fifteen days. He served four other tours, the first from August 1778, twenty day as private in Captain Jonathan Bates' company, Colonel Charles Dyer's Rhode Island regiment, and was in general Sullivan's Rhode Island expedition. In that year he moved from Rhode Island to Alburgh, Vermont, and in 1779 to Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, and during 1779, and 1780, served two months in Captain Samuel Shaw's company, Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer's New York regiment; during the summer of 1780, one month as private under Lieutenant Stephen Randall and Colonel Abbott in the Vermont troops and from the winter of 1781, eleven months as private in Captain Dyer's company, Colonel Ebenezer Walbridge's Vermont regiment. During the service rendered above he served as substitute at various times for his father, Elisha Reynolds, and for Benjamin Reynolds, Junior, relationship not stated.

The soldier was pensioned on account of the disability resulting from the wound cited above. His pension began March 4, 1789, at which time he was living in Grand Isle County, Vermont.

In 1791, Elisha Reynolds was living in Exeter, Washington County, Rhode Island, and in 1821 he was living in Alburgh, Grand Island County, Vermont.

On account of his service in the Revolutionary War, Elisha Reynolds was allowed pension on his application executed January 8, 1834, at which time he was living in Isle LaMotte, Grand Isle County, Vermont.

He died November 15, 1840 in Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

Elisha Reynolds married December 20, 1834, in Isle LaMotte, Grand Isle County, Vermont, Elizabeth Hoxie. A former marriage is not shown, and no reference made to children.

Soldier's widow, Elizabeth Reynolds, was allowed pension on her application executed April 29, 1853, at which time she was aged seventy-two years and a resident of Isle LaMotte, Vermont.

April 11, 1855, Elizabeth Reynolds, then a resident of the said Isle LaMotte, made application for bounty land which was due on account of the service of her husband, Elisha Reynolds, in the Revolutionary War. On this application she was granted bounty land warrant No. 11093, for one hundred sixty acres under the Act of March 3, 1855.

In 1857, one Martin Reynolds was living in Isle LaMotte, Vermont, Relationship to the soldier was not stated.