

Pension Application for Asa Ripley

W.22077 (Widow: Mary Polly) Asa died 16th August 1842.
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State of New York
Niagara County SS.

On the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two before the Court of General Sessions, State of New York now sitting Asa Ripley a resident of the town of Hartland in the County of Niagara and State of New York, aged seventy two years who first being 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.

1st That about the middle of February AD 1777 he enlisted for the term of six weeks aged about seventeen years at New Canaan Columbia County State of New York in the State troops under Captain Elijah Bostwick (1) and was kept on drill during the term in Colonel William B. Whiting's Regiment.

2nd That in May 1777 he volunteered in the Militia at Newman Columbia Co NY under Capt. Ebenezer Cady (2) and marched under the said Capt. To Saratoga and was in service under said Capt. About four or five weeks and then dismissed.

3rd That some time about the first of June 1777 he was called out with the militia generally in a company commanded by Capt. Elijah Bostwick under General Schuyler William B. Whiting was Colonel of the Regiment that he joined the Regiment at Canaan Columbia Co. and marched to Albany from thence to Saratoga and staid there about Fourteen or 18 days from thence to Fort Edward and Fort Ann and from thence they retreated before Burgoin's army to Fort Edward and from thence to Fort Miller where we had frequent skirmishes for some days and three of our Company was killed from thence we retreated in the night to Saratoga and joined General Gates (3) army and was under his command from thence. We retreated to Stillwater and staid there till Burgoine (4) surrendered his army to General Gates and then about the last of October 1777 he was dismissed.

4th Between the years of 1777 and 1781 he went a militia man under Captain William Warner (5) marched up the Mohawk River to fight the Tories and Indians at the time Colonel Brown was killed Brown was thare [their] Colonel under General Vanvansalier he served about six weeks and was dismissed.

5th He was at Schoharrie at the time it was burnt stationed at the Lower Fort served about Two months and was dismissed.

6th His second tower [tour] to Schoharrie for Two months stationed at the middle Fort under Captain Cady commanded by Colonel Willett.

7th He marched under Capt. Makinster (6) to Cherry Valley was there at the time it was burnt Colonel Makinster commanded. He served about seven weeks. They had some fighting.

8th He marched under Captain Samuel Skinner (7) to Albany from thence to Schenectada and thence to [Schoharrie is crossed out] the German Flatts and drove the Tories and Indians from that place he served five weeks and was dismissed.

9th He marched under Elijah Toles (8) as Capt. To Albany from thence to Schoharrie hd [had] a skirmish with the Tories and Indians and drove them he served about four week[s] and was dismissed.

10th He was called out in alarms a number of times to Albany and Greenbush he thinks ten or Twelve times about five or six days at a time under different captains.

11th He was called on at different times to gard [guard] William B. Whiting against the Tories they had threatened his life he thinks he served in all ten or twelve days.

12th the first of August AD 1781 he enlisted under Captain Thomas Skinner (9) under Major Rowley and Colonel Willet marched to Albany from thence to Schoharrie thence to Tilaw (10) had battle with the Tories and Indians from thence to what is now Fort Plain thence to Fort Herkimer was stationed there about two months thence to Johnstown (11) had a battle with the Tories and Indians the tory Butler (12) was killed Major Rowley was wounded. Served four months and received a written discharge From Col. Willet.

13th Previous to the year 1781 he served under Capt. Bebee of New Concord commanded by Col. Brown, marched to Albany from thence to Johnstown was stationed there about five week.

End Notes—Asa Ripley W.22077

1. Captain Bostwick's Company was in the Seventeenth Regiment of Albany County Militia commanded by Colonel William B. Whiting. They were not state troops but were militia.
2. Captain Cady was also in Colonel Whiting's Regiment.
3. Major General Horatio Gates who was commanding the American forces at Saratoga.
4. General John Burgoyne surrendered the British forces on October 17, 1777.
5. Actually it was First Lieutenant William Warner, Jr. of Captain Aaron Kelley's (Kellogy) Company in Colonel Whiting's Regiment. Colonel John Brown was killed in the morning of October 19, 1780 in the Battle of Stone Arabia. A second battle was fought on the afternoon commonly called the Battle of Klocksfield battle under Brigadier General Robert Van Rensselaer. Colonel Whiting's Regiment was in the Battle of Klocksfield.
6. There was a Major John McKinstry in the Ninth Regiment of Albany County Militia. He had served as a captain in the regiment previously. This was a detachment of militia drawn from the various regiment of the Albany County Militia. Cherry Valley was burned on November 11, 1778.
7. I didn't find a Captain Samuel Skinner in any regiment.

8. Elijah Toles was the Second Lieutenant in Captain Bostwick's Company.
9. Captain Thomas Skinner's Company in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781.
10. The Battle of New Dorlach (Tilaw, Turlough, etc), now present day Sharon Springs, Schoharie County, New York was fought on July 10, 1781. Major Aaron Rowley who was in Colonel Elisha Porter's Regiment of Massachusetts Levies was not yet in the Mohawk Valley and could not have been there.
11. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Major Rowley was in this battle and was wounded in the ankle.
12. Captain Walter Butler was not killed at Johnstown but he was killed on October 30, 1781 in a skirmish at West Canada Creek.