

Pension Application for Ebenezer Steenrod

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State of New York
Allegany County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said County of Allegany Ebenezer Steanroad, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot wear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades—viz—For six months I served as a private in the year 1775—for six months as a private in the year 1776—for one month as a private in the year 1778—and for such service I claim a pension. (Signed) Ebenezer Steenrod.

Sworn & Subscribed this 6th day of August 1833 before me. Jonathan Savage, Justice.

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On this 30th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Allegany now sitting Ebenezer Steenrod a resident of the Town of Friendship in the said County of Allegany, and State of New York aged eighty eight 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 viz.—

That he entered the service as a minuteman for the term of six months in the company commanded by Captain Cornelius Steanroad, sometime in the fall of the year 1775, under the command of Colonel Strong—that he assisted in erecting fort minute near Hurl-gate on the Sound of Long Island in the State of New York—that he continued in the service until the expiration of the six months for which he entered the service—when he was dismissed.

That sometime in the month of April in the year 1776—he volunteered in the company of rangers commanded by Captain Samuel Delevan for the term of six months—he was marched to White Plains at which place and its immediate neighborhood he was stationed for the purpose of preventing the enemy from ravaging the County, that he continued in the service until the expiration of the six months, when he was dismissed.

That in the year 1778 he was again in the service as a minute man but the names of the officers he cannot recollect—that he was in the service at this time about one month.

That sometime after he hired a man to serve for three years in the Continental Line and paid him forty dollars—which he understood would exempt him from being drafted.

He was born in the Town of Salem in the County of Westchester in the State of New York in the year 1744.

He has the record of his age in his family Bible.

When he was first called into the service he lived in the said town of Salem—and that he has resided in the said state at a number of places until about fourteen years ago when he removed to the said town of Friendship in the County of Allegany in the said State where he now resides.

He never received a written discharge from the service.

That Col. Samuel King, Doct Rev. Dana, Talcott Goold are his neighbours and have known him a number of years, and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension foll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Ebenezer Steenrod.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. W. Sherman, Clerk.