

Pension Application for Elisha Talmage

S.17139

Sstate of Connecticut

County of New London SS. Probate District of Stonington

On this fifth day of march A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open court before Asa Fish Judge of the court of Probate, for the District of Connecticut now sitting Elisha Talmage a resident of the Town of North Stonington, in the County of New London and State of Connecticut, aged seventy seven 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That at East Hampton in the County of Suffolk in the State of New York, in the year 1775, on or before the 15th day of ;May 1775 he voluntarily enlisted as a private for six months service in the New York State Troops in the Company, Commanded by Captain John Holabud, Lieut John Davis, Ensign John Havens, that he does not recollect the name of the Colonel or other field officer of the Regiment to which s'd Company belonged.

That he joined s'd Company on or before s'd 15th May & served in s'd Company under s'd officers, at the east end of Long Island near Montang Point, about six weeks, s'd Company being constantly employed in guarding the Country from the depredations of the British, in taking cattle and other property from s'd Island.

That British armed vessels lay at the time, in Gdiner's bay that the Boats from the British armed ships, annoyed the Inhabitants of S'd Island, and the said company were kept in constant and vigilant duty- to repel the enemy's Boats &c (no other company serving at s'd place at said time) till on or about the 1st day of July, when he marched in said company from s'd East Hampton to Brooklyn at the West End of s'd Long Island and then crossed the East River to the City of New York where he served in said Company employ'd in Guard Duty and erecting & repairing Fortifications at the Battery so called, and other places in said City about two months, that on or about the [blank] day of September, according to the best of his recollection, he marched in s'd company (no other troops marched with s'd Company) from s'd New York to Ticonderoga in s'd State of New York and there joined two other companies, the names of the officers of s'd companies & of the commanding officer at s'd Ticonderoga, are forgotten by the Declarant.

That he continued serving as aforesaid, in the Fort and neighborhood of s'd Ticonderoga, in Garrison duty and labor repairing s'd Fort, till the Term of his enlistment for six months, had expired, which was on about other field officer of the 15th day of November 1775, when he was honorably discharged, but rec'd no written discharge & returned home to s'd East Hampton.

That at s'd East Hampton in the year 1776 in the month of May of said year, he voluntarily enlisted as a private for six months service in the New York State Troops, in the company commanded by Capt. David Parsons, Lieutenant Sylvanus Concklin,

Ensign Isaac Parsons, in the Regiment of that he cannot recollect the name of the Reg't. That he joined s'd Company at s'd East Hampton on or before the 10th day of May 1776 and immediately marched, thereon to said Brooklyn & thence crossed to New York City, that said Company were engaged in said City in Guard Duties, building & repairing the Fortifications in said City, when the news of the Declaration of American Independence was announced which was received with great enthusiasm and joy by the American Troops.

That they were serving in this campaign at s'd New York many Regiments, but that, he cannot recollect the names of any, or the names of the Regular officers, except Gen. Washington, whom he occasionally saw in s'd City. That after the Battle on Long Island, he marched in s'd Company & with other troops, to Kingsbridge retreating before the Enemy, who had taken the City of New York, that he continued serving in said Corps, till on or about the 10th day of November 1776, when the term of his enlistment to wit, six months, having expired he was verbally discharged, about 8 or 10 miles northerly of s'd Kings Bridge, at a place the name of which is unknown to the declarant.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services or any part thereof and that he knows of no person, whose Testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, or any part thereof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim, what ever 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.

In reply to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court he states. That he was born at s'd East Hampton, on Long Island, County of Suffolk & State of New York, in the year seventeen hundred and fifty five (1755) Nov'r 20th.

That he has no record of his age. That he was living at S'd East Hampton when called into service, under both engagements.

That after being discharged in Nov 1776, he soon removed (having no family) to Stonington, New London County, in the State of Connecticut, and there resided two years, thence removed to the Town of Richmond in the State of Massachusetts, that ever since the Revolutionary War he has lived in s'd New London County, in the Town of Stonington, Groton [Bozrah?] & North Stonington, that he now lives in said North Stonington.

That when called into service, he voluntarily enlisted, under both engagements and never was a substitute. That he is not able to state the names of the Regular officers, who were with the troops were [where] he served, the Continental or militia Regiments, or the general circumstances of his services, any more particularly then stated in his preceding declaration.

That since the Revolutionary War he has had no intercourse or correspondence with the Inhabitants of s'd East Hampton, his native Town—that his memory is treacherous and failing.

That he never received a discharge in writing, but was honorably discharged.

That he is known to Asher Miner, a Clergyman resident in said North Stonington, and Latham Hall and William Frink of s'd N. Stonington and Rev'd John G. Wightman and Peter A. Gallup of Groton, who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Elisha Tallmage

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before the s'd Court of Probate for the District of Stonington In the State of Connecticut. Asa Fish, Judge.

Letter in folder dated October 17, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.17139, it appears that Elisha Talmage was born November 20, 1755 in East Hampton, Suffolk County New York.

While residing at said East Hampton, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops as follows:

From in May 1775 about six months in Captain John Hulbert's Company; from May 10, 1776 six months in Captain David Pierson's company, Colonel Josiah Smith's Regiment.

After the Revolution he stated that "having no family" he moved to Stonington, Connecticut and lived there two years, then moved to Richmond, Massachusetts.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 5, 1833, at which time he was living in North Stonington, Connecticut.

There are no data as to family.