

### **Pension Application Ebenezer Utter**

S.14748 Ebenezer died Feb 9, 1837.

Declaration of Ebenezer Utter in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Monroe SS.

On this seventh day of December 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 said County (the same being a court of record and having a seal) now sitting Ebenezer Utter a Resident of the town of Parma in the County of Monroe and State of New York aged seventy three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

He entered the service as a Drafted militia man in Fredericksburgh (now Franklin) in Dutchess [Dutchess] County in the State of New York) some time in the month of August, but the day of the month he cannot now in the year so our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six under Captain Mott (whose Christian name he has forgotten) Lieutenant William Calkins, and the company in which he served commanded as above was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Fields (whose Christian name he has also forgotten) said company & regiment were formed in Dutchess County aforesaid and soon after marched to Kings Bridge and soon after crossed the Hudson River from Fort Washington to Stoney Point and marched up the River to a point opposite Peekskill and crossed the River again to that place and soon after Crossed over said River again to Newburgh where he remained with the said troops until some time in the month of January following when his term of service which was five months expired, when he received a parol [Parole] discharge from his officers and returned to his residence aforesaid in Dutchess County aforesaid. That some time during the said term of service Captain Mott was promoted to the office of Major and Lieutenant Calkins became the captain of the said Company.

That in the spring of the next season 1777 as near as he now can recollect, sometime the fore part of the month of May he enlisted into a company of Volunteers under Lieutenant Sears (Christian name not recollected) there being no Captain to said Company which was composed of about fifty men, they marched immediately to the lower part of Dutchess County and along the frontiers up to the highlands, and served as scouts to protect the frontiers from the “Cowboys” or Tories during a term of eighteen days when he and said company returned home when he with all the said company was dismissed by a parol dismissal.

That some time in October the ensuing fall he entered the service as a volunteer under Lieutenant Barnham (whose Christian name he does not now recollect), for an indefinite length of time. Company was formed in Dutchess County and marched immediately to a place called Walkkill thence to a piquet fort at a placed called “Pinpac”

where said troops were stationed with another company from Fishkill, to protect the inhabitants from the Indians, the said troops and this declarant remained there until some time in the month of January following 1778 when they were dismissed by a parol dismissal and returned home having been absent about the term of two months.

That he was frequently pressed into the service with his team a considerable part of the time during the preceding and subsequent summers.

That during this said service he did not serve with or become acquainted with any of the Regular officers whose names he can mention—nor can he state the circumstances more particularly.

He further states that he is acquainted with Joshua Calkins and Tabitha Olmsted now resident of the town of Perry in the County of Genesee and State of New York who know of his having served as above stated and whose testimony he can procure of the same and which is hereto annexed.

And to the special interrogatories of the said court he further answers and states that he was born in Fredericksburgh (now franklin) in Dutchess County in the State of New York in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine.

That he has a record of his age which he took from his fathers family Bible and believes the same to be true.

Said Record is in this declarant's Bible at his residence in the town of Parma aforesaid when he entered the service he resided in Dutchess County aforesaid.

That soon after the war was over he moved to Kinderhook where he lived about two years—then moved from Kinderhook to Granville in Washington County and State of New York, where he resided eleven years, when he removed to Geneseo in Livingston County NY where he resided until until [sic] April 1821 when he removed to the town of Parma aforesaid where he now resides.

Once he was drafted into the service – sometimes volunteered and sometimes was pressed.

He knows the names of no regular officers in the army with whom he served.

The general circumstances of his service are the same as above as stated.

He never received but one if any written discharge, which he destroyed, thinking it of no use but cannot tell when the same was given nor by whom.

That he is well acquainted with Samuel Castle and Hiram Handy two citizens in his immediate present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and that he has no documentary evidence of the same.

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 with his mark) Ebenezer Utter.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. Cutler Dep Clerk. In presence of Elihu Lockwood.

Letter in folder dated April 5, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Ebenezer Utter, a pensioner, who was a resident of Monroe County, New York, at the time of his death.

The record of only one Ebenezer Utter was found and is given below as obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, 14748, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Ebenezer Utter was born in 1759 in Fredericksburgh (which was later Franklin), Dutchess County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Fredericksburgh, New York, he enlisted sometime in August 1776, served as private in Captain Mott's company, Colonel Field's New York regiment, and was discharged sometime in January 1777. He volunteered early in May 1777, and served eighteen days as a private under Lieutenant Sears, in the New York troops, engaged in protecting the frontiers from the "Cowboys" or Tories. He volunteered sometime in October 1777, served as private under Lieutenant Barnum in the New York troops and was discharged sometime in January 1778.

After the Revolution, the soldier moved to Kinderhook where he lived about two years, then moved to Granville, Washington County, New York, which was his place of residence eleven years, thence to Geneseo, Livingston County, New York, remained there until April, 1821, when he moved to Parma, Monroe County, New York.

Ebenezer Utter was allowed pension on his application executed December 7, 1832, while a resident of Parma, New York.

He died February 9, 1837, in Parma, New York. ]

Ebenezer Utter married sometime prior to 1784, Ruth\_\_\_\_, maiden name not stated, who died December 25, 1844.

Children of the soldier, Ebenezer Utter, and his wife, Ruth, were referred to but the only name given was that of a son, Ebenezer Utter, who in 1844 was a resident of Leroy, Lake County, Ohio, his age not given.