

Pension Application for Eliakim Vosburgh

W.16458 (Widow: Catharine) Eliakim died December 6, 1835.

(Declaration of a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the MILITIA, to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1821.

State of New York

Erie County SS

On this 5th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting at Buffalo, in said County, Eliakim Vosburgh a resident of Sardinia in the County of Erie and State of New York, aforesaid aged 68 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 on or about the 1st of May 1780 enlisted by the authority of Sheffield for nine months to recruit the Continental Army and was mustered in Barrington in Berkshire County Massachusetts and immediately joined the Continental Army at West Point on the Hudson River. Served in Capt. Snell's Company in Col. Sprouts Regiment in New Jersey & New York, the period of nine months and was discharged at West Point the last of January or first of February following, was in a Battle at White Plains, in the fall, a part of the American Army, sent to obtain forage, and came in contact the British forces from the County of New York. Col. Sheldons Horse, were with the detachment and in the engagement. They kept the British back until the Hay and grain was collected and got it to the Army at Peekskill, when he enlisted he was a resident of Sheffield Massachusetts & returned home when discharged, that Col. Sprouts Regiment was in Nicksons or Knox Brigade but he cannot say who commanded the Army at the time.

That in the year 1781 the militia were called on for a draft he then being a citizen of Berkshire County in Massachusetts, that he enlisted in May 1781 for four months & served under Capt Heacock of Sheffield in said County, and marched to Albany where a part of the company with this deponent were ordered to the Mohawk River with about 500 men. The deponent was stationed at Fort Plain under command of Col Willet, Major Rowley also was there. Capt Heacock with the remainder of his Company went up the North river to fort Edward. The deponent served the time out and continued in service four months and a half was in a battle at Johnstown, and defeated & made prisoner of the whole force of British Indians & Torys in the fall of the year.

Was on the march a great part of their [?] up the Mohawk River as far as Fort Stanwix, was discharged at Fort Plain, and returned home.

That in the winter following he enlisted for three years in Col. Sprouts Regiment, was mustered by Capt. Wheeler, who was also a Citizen of Berkshire County. That the Towns were then required to furnish troops for the Continental Army, and the deponent enlisted to fill up the army.

That in the spring following about the 1st of April 1782 he hired a substitute by the name Wm. Saxton to take his place and went with him to West Point when the said William Saxton was received in the place of this deponent, and entered Col. Sprouts Regt, and this deponent returned home.

That he this deponent was in Service under this enlistment only three months, but the said William Saxton served untill he was discharged, this fact is recollected from the evidence he produced in order to receive the pay from the Father of this deponent for taking his place as a substitute. That immediately after he returned home he enlisted for one year under Captain Bacon of the Commissary department and was employed in driving cattle to the army at the South and on the North River, and continued in that service one year.

That he has no documentary evidence or proof of his said services, other than the affidavit of [fold] hereto annexed. That he received written discharges from the Army from Col. Sprout and one from Capt Bacon which have been lost. That since the Revolution he resided in Massachusetts until about sixteen years past when he moved into the State of New York where he has since resided and for the last six years in the Town of Sardinia where he now resides.

Her hereby relinquishes very claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Eliakim Vosburgh

Sworn & Subscribed this 5th day of December 1832. Noah P. Sprague, Clerk of Erie Common Pleas.