

Pension Application for Ebenezer Ward

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At a Court of Chancery held in and for the State of New York on the 14th day of September 1832, present Daniel Moseley Esqr, Circuit Judge and Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit of the State of New York.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the said Vice Chancellor at the town of Onondaga in the County of Onondaga, Ebenezer Ward a resident of the town of Cicero in said County aged 74 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 he enlisted in the New York State Troops or Malitia [Militia], in February or March in the year 1776, under Captain Melander Smith and served in Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's Regiment of minute men and remained in the service 3 months, that he marched from Pleasant Valley to New York and was then set to building redoubts across the street. Then he was taken to the [Hurrl?] Gate on East River and made a port called the first minute, and at the expiration of the said 3 months returned home. No written discharge.

And that shortly after, but the precise time cannot state, he volunteered under to serve under [sic] Captain strait in Colonel Fryer's Regiment of Malitia to stop the Tories that had roze [arisin] in the Called the Nine Partners, and that he served at that time 3 weeks.

That in the winter 1777, he volunteered and served under one Captain William Trimper and went to Livingston's Manner [Manor] bot Suppress the Tories and served at that time about 4 weeks, and took some Tories and sent some of them to Simsbury mines.

That shortly after he was called out to go on Valentine's heights near New York under Captain Ostrum, and Col. Fraizer that he was joined to Gen. Scott's Brigade and was in two battles at that place, with the British. That he suffered very much at that time with hunger and cold, and that he thinks he served at that time tow and a half months, and then returned home.

That in October following he was called out under Cap'n Strait in Col. Freyers Regiment and was marched to the Hudson River to prevent the British from coming up. That he served at that time 4 weeks. That he was then in 1778 called out and went in search of the Tories and thence, about 3 days.

That in the winter 1778 he volunteered to go to the north under Captain Merrit, a ship Carpenter, that he helped get out timber for two 64 Gun ships and that he was out at that time 3 months and then returned home.

That he then moved to Fishkill; that the militia was classed and he hired a substitute for nine months.

And that he volunteered under Captain Storms in Col. Brinkerhoof's Regiment and was ordered to watch 2 nights in each week, against the Tories and Robert [Robbers] for six months, in the year 1779. He was called upon and served and watched two nights in each week for six months more and until in the fall of the year after and the applicant further states that in the year 1779 or in the [year] 1778 and he can not tell the particular time he went to West Point under the command of Josiah Bouton and was there six weeks and helped build Fort Arnold.

That he never rec'd any written discharge and has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his said services other than the one hereto annexed.

That he was born at Pleasant Valley in the County of Dutchess April 16, 1759, that he has a record of his age at home, that he resided at the town of Bethlehem after the Revolution and Removed from thence to Manlius and from there to Cicero in said County where he now resides and that Henry Bogardus and Jacob Ryder all persons acquainted with him in his neighborhood who can testify for him as to truth and veracity.

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) Ebenezer Ward

Sworn to this 14th Sept. 1832. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor