

Pension Application for Asa Wright

S.23499

Declaration of Asa Wright, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty tow, personally appeared I n open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county of Genesee, now sitting in Batavia in said County, being a Court of record and having a seal, Asa Wright, a resident of the town of the town [sic] of Pembroke in said County of Genesee in said State, aged seventy two years on the s'd November 1831, 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, 1831.

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

That about the first of July 1777, while he resided in New Canaan, in Albany County, N.Y. he was ordered out with the rest of the militia and marched to Fort Edward under Capt Elijah Bostwick, Lieut William Hornbeck—Ensign Hubbard—and was attached ton Col.; William B. Whitings Regiment,—Lieut Col Waterman—Major Cady—Adjutant, Jonathan Warner—remained at Fort Edward about a week—and then retired a few miles below Fort Edward and soon after to Saratoga and soon went down to Stillwater and soon after was discharged—that Gen Schuyler commanded at Fort Edward—Gen Ten Brock commanded the Brigade to which he belonged—that after he arrived at Stillwater he obtained [?] and went home and staid two or three weeks and then returned and served until Burgoyne had surrendered when the militia were discharged and he went home—that he served in all at this time nine weeks excluding the three weeks he was at home—verbally discharged.—that he was in the battles at Stillwater.

That some time in June 1778 he enlisted in the N.Y. State militia for six months under Capt Elijah Bostwick and was stationed at a mill in New Canaan, where some Continental stores had collected—had no officers except Corporal—this was a party to guard these stores which were a quantity of wheat which was being floured for the army—that he served as guard at this place during all of the six months and was then verbally discharged by his captain.

That in the summer of 1779 as he thinks, but is not certain , but it was during the summer that Cherry valley was burnt, he went to Cherry Valley and was out as a guard to protect the inhabitants from the Indians, and was out one month and returned home three days before Cherry Valley was burnt-he was in Capt Aaron Kellogg's company—there was a Continental Regiment there commanded by Col Alden—was verbally discharged—and went home.

He was born in Canaan, Li;tchfield County, Ct. on the 2d November 1759—has a record of his age in his possession written by his father.—that he lived after the war,

in New Canaan, Albany County, N.Y. about 17 years—then in Paris, Oneida Co., N.Y. about 24 or 5 years, then in Pembroke, Genesee County, N.Y. and has resided there about seventeen years—never received any discharge and has nod documentary evidence of his service—and know of no person living by whom he can prove his services—That Hugh Wallis & Daniel Dana live in the town of Pembroke in the County of Genesee and State of New York, and in his neighborhood, are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in 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 roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Asa Wright

Subscribed & Sworn to the day & year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch,
Clerk