

Pension Application for Eliphaz Alexander

S.28617

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

In this 17th day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Gershom Morse one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas Eliphaz Alexander a resident of Sempronius County and State aforesaid, aged Sixty eight years and nine months 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States by Elisting [enlisting] on or about the month of October in the year 1779 for three months in Northfield Hampshire County Massachusetts where he then resided, he enlisted in Capt Samuel Merrimans Company in Col Montagues Regiment, soon after he elisted was marched to Great Barrington Berkshire County Massachusetts and continued there two or three weeks, he then marched with the company to the Town of Claverack State of New York where he staid a few weeks and then marched to Albany in [the] State of New York and remained there doing duty in the Barracks and in the City until his time expired when he was discharged and went home.

And he further on oath says that sometime in the month of July 1780 he again Elisted at Northfield aforesaid where he then resided for Three months in Capt. Pierce's Company of which James Lyman was Lieutenant, soon after he Elisted they marched to Hudson State of New York where they remained a few days and from that was marched down the Hudson River to West Point and joined the Army under Genl Arnold and did duty there in the Fort and Garrison, was there when Arnold made his escape, was on Guard near the chain Battery when he made his escape, was then under the command of Col. Lamb untill Genl Washington resumed the command, he continued to do duty there untill his time expired when he was discharged and returned home.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. That 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.

And he further on oath says that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time he enlisted but according to the best of his recollection he served no less than six months and for such service he claims a pension. (Signed) Eliphaz Alexander

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Gershom Morse, a Judge of [?] Com Pleas.