

Pension Application for Edward Burhans

W.16878 (Widow: Bridget) Married November 6, 1778. Edward died September 3, 1832.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 20th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two—personally appeared before me Otis Preston one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Dutchess being a court of record Edward Burhans a resident of the Town of Roxbury in said County of Delaware and State of New York, aged eighty years (nearly) 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—Viz—

That in the early part of the summer, he thinks in the month of May or June in the Year 1774 he as a Volunteer in the Militia of the State of New York, enlisted for the term of Four Months—that his company officers were Henry Schoonmaker Captain—and John Brink and ___Myers Lieutenant—that he then resided in the Town of Kingston Ulster County, State of New York—and went from there to Fort Montgomery in order to repair said Fort—and that he actually remained in the service at this time for the term of Four Months in repairing

Said Fort—he does not recollect who the field officers were of any.—

That he again enlisted as a Volunteer in the early part of the Summer of the year 1775 (he does not recollect the month) for the term of Five Months the field officers were James Clinton and Cornelius Wynkoop Colonels—his company officers Jacobus S. Bruyn Captain Thomas DeWitt and Albert Pawling Lieutenants and were under the command of General Montgomery—that he resided then in Kingston as aforesaid—and went from there to Montreal in Canada—that they marched thro' Albany, Lake George and when they arrived at St. Johns in Canada they came in contact with the enemy and a Battle was fought in which he was engaged, he remained there nearly seven weeks (as he now thinks)—from there they went on to Montreal and was there when our troops took possession of Montreal—the term of his enlistment expired before he returned—that he remained in the service at this campaign for rising of Six months, suffered much from Cold weather before his return—

That he again enlisted as a Volunteer in the Summer of 1776 for the term of five months—his field officers were Levi Paulding & Cornelius Wynkoop Colonels—W. Logan Major—his company officers were Moses Cantine Captain and Edward Schoonmaker Lieutenant he thinks General Putnam commanded—they marched from Kingston and went to the White Plains – where a Battle was fought in which he was engaged—and from there he went to Long Island and New York and was in the retreat from Long Island—that he actually served at this time Five Months.—

That the next summer he again enlisted and went as a Volunteer for the Term of Four Months his field officers were Johannes Snyder and Johannes Hardenbergh Colonels—his company officers were John DeWitt Captain and John Brink and Myers Lieutenant—that they marched from Kingston and went to Fort Montgomery—got at the Fort soon after a Battle had been fought—and went from there to Peekskill and other places—that he actually remained in the service at this time for the term of four months.

That at another time he gain Volunteered to go to Schoharie in said State of New York—to repulse the Indians and Tories who were committing depredations there—he enlisted for three months and did actually serve during the term of said enlistment—his field officers he thinks was Col. Paulding—his company officers were Tobias VanBeuren Captain—Abraham VanAken and Peter Post Lieutenants he recollects it was in the summer season they were there—but cannot now recollect the year—That they

marched from Kingston and went thro' Harpersfield to Schoharie—and remained there to guard the inhabitants from the ravages of the Indians—

That at another time he enlisted and went as a Volunteer in the summer for the term of Three Months—under the command of Capt. John DeWitt—he does not now recollect his other officers—that the company marched from Kingston and went to Dutchess County and that they were at the Nine Partners so called—does not recollect the year.-----

That at the time Burgoyne was taken in 1777 he had again enlisted for the term of Three Months and did serve that length of time he was at the Battle at Stillwater – his field officers were—Jonathan Elmendorf Col. his company officers were Tobias VanBeuren Captain and John Brink and Myers Lieutenants—and this deponent further says—that he has been enlisted for short periods of time at several times—which are not enumerated in the foregoing statements—that he served in the Militia during the greater part of the Revolutionary War—but he is not so infirm, and his health so impaired that he cannot recollect particulars nor dates—that he has no documentary evidence—that he knows of no other persons, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service—except those hereunto annexed.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid before me. (Signed with his mark) Edward Burhans

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Otis Preston.

Interrogatories put to the deponent and his answers thereto under oath.

1. Where and in what year were you born? Answer—In Kingston, Ulster County—State of New York in the year 1752—
2. Have you any record of your age: and if so, where is it? Answer—I have no record of any age—in my possession.
3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War—and where do you now live? Answer—When called into service I lived in Kingston Ulster County N.Y.—since the war I have resided in the Town of Hurly Ulster County N.Y. and now reside in the Town of Roxbury, Delaware County N.Y. and have resided there the last thirty years.—
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? Answer—I always volunteered.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments, as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? Answer—I have been in the service where Genl Washington—Montgomery – Geo. Clinton—Putnam had the command also Genl. Arnold and Col. Paulding –also Col. Courtland—the general circumstances of my service are embodied in my declaration—as nearly as I now can recollect in my weak and feeble state of health.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so—by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer—I have had a discharge from Col. Paulding – and I think from some other, I do not now recollect—but they are not now in existence—they are lost and worn out—
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer—I am acquainted with many persons in my town—I will name the Revd David Mead—Mr. Jonas More, Cornelius Keater, Michael Pattison--

Taken before me the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Otis Preston