

Pension Application for Ebenezer Cady

W.16,524 (Widow Chloe)
The 31st day of January 1837
E.A. Munson Dep. Clerk
State of New York
Herkimer County SS.

On this twenty-seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me, John B. Dygert one of the Judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Herkimer aforesaid.

Chloe Cady a resident of the town of Schuyler in the county of Herkimer aforesaid and State of New York aforesaid aged eighty nine years the twenty ninth day of April last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1838; That she is the widow of Ebenezer Cady deceased late of the town of Chatham in the county of Columbia in the said State who was a captain (1) of a company in the militia regiment of Colonel William B. Whiting during nearly the whole of the revolutionary war—That in January in the year 1776 according to the best of this declarant's recollection the regiment of the said Colonel Whiting was called out to make an expedition into the Mohawk Country for the purpose of disarming Sir John Johnson and his partisans—That the said regiment assembled in the said town of Chatham then called the town of New Concord and marched as she the said Chloe understood and verily believes to be true to Albany and from thence to Caughnawaga in the said Mohawk country about forty miles westerly of Albany aforesaid and aided in the disarming of the aforesaid Sir John Johnson (2) & his partisans—That the said Ebenezer Cady the husband of the said Chloe rendezvoused at Chatham aforesaid with his company he having been ordered out as a captain and accompanied the said regiment to Caughnawaga aforesaid as she understood from her said husband and other persons who went out—

That the said Ebenezer Cady her husband was out on this tour of service about two weeks—That the said Ebenezer Cady was then a resident of Chatham aforesaid then called New Concord. That she has no documentary evidence to prove said tour of service—That the lieutenant colonel of the said regiment was Asa Waterman (3) and the Major Martin Beebee and that the adjutant was of the name of Warner and she believes there was a captain named Bostwick (4) and as to the other officers she does not now remember their names—

And the said Chloe Cady farther saith that according to the best of her recollection and belief the regiment of the said Colonel Whiting was ordered out towards the latter part of June in the year 1777 to oppose the progress of General Burgoyne—(5) That the said Ebenezer Cady her husband belonged to the said regiment and was the captain of a company and went out as such with the said regiment and was absent till a few days and she believes not over a week before the Bennington battle(6) having been out six weeks more—That the said Ebenezer Cady her husband as she understood from him and other persons, who were out with him and which she believes to be true was as far to the north as Fort George in this tour of service and that the regiment of the said Colonel Whiting to which he belonged marched to Fort George aforesaid by the way of Albany, Saratoga, and Fort Edward—That the other officers that were out on this tour of service besides her said husband Ebenezer Cady whose names she now remembers were Colonel Whiting lieutenant Colonel Waterman Major Beebee and adjutant Warner above named—That the said Ebenezer Cady her said husband was at the time he was called as aforesaid a resident of the aforesaid town of Chatham then called New Concord in the aforesaid county of Columbia—That this claimant has no documentary evidence whereby she can prove the said tour of service.—

That the third tour which the said Ebenezer Cady her husband served commenced about a week after the last preceeding service ended—

That the regiment of the said Colonel Whiting was again ordered out to the north and about the time of the Bennington battle or a little after to join the American army under the command of General Gates (7) to oppose the enemy under Burgoyne—That her husband the said Ebenezer Cady then a resident of the aforesaid Town Chatham in the aforesaid County of Columbia accompanied and marched with his company as captain along with the said regiment and was absent from home till after the surrender of Burgoyne (8) Being a period of upwards of two months—That in this tour of service he served as a captain—That the said Colonel Whiting the commander of the said regiment lieutenant Colonel Waterman were out at the same time—That the said Chloe Cady the applicant understood and was told by the said Ebenezer Cady her husband on his return that he was with the American Army at Stillwater Bemis Heights & Saratoga and that he was present when the army of Burgoyne laid down their arms—That this declarant is unable to state the day of the month when her said husband Ebenezer Cady was called out but thinks it must have been about the middle of August nor can she state the day of the month when he returned home but she believes it must have been towards the last of October in the year 1777—That this claimant has no documentary evidence as to the latter tour of service done by her said husband or of the time he was out.—

That the fourth tour of service which the said Chloe Cady remembers the said Ebenezer Cady her husband to have performed began in the early part of the Spring of the year 1778 but she cannot state whether it commenced the latter part of March or the forepart of April of that year—That her said husband Ebenezer Cady was then a resident of the aforesaid town of Chatham in the aforesaid County of Columbia and marched as captain of a company of drafted men and as their captain to FishKill on the Hudson – That he was absent sometime but how long she is unable to say though it must have been over two months—That she understood from the said Ebenezer Cady her husband on his return home that he was at FishKill. That she the said Chloe the applicant has no documentary evidence whereby she can prove said tour of service.—

That the said Ebenezer Cady as captain was out with his company or a company of drafts and which she the said Chloe Cady is now unable to say on a tour of about a months service to Cherry Valley (9) in the county of Otsego in the year 1778 and about a month or six weeks before that place was burnt— That at the time he was ordered out he was a resident of the town of Chatham aforesaid in the said County of Columbia—that the said Ebenezer Cady her husband on returning home informed her the said Chloe his wife that he had been with said company to Cherry Valley by the way of Albany Schenectady and Canajoharie which information she the said Chloe then believed and still believes to have been true—That this claimant has no documentary evidence whereby she can prove the said last tour of service.

That the sixth tour of service which the said Chloe remembers her said husband Ebenezer Cady to have been out in was the year when Sir John Johnson invaded the Mohawk Country and ravaged it which she thinks must have been in the year 1780 and in the month of October. (10) That the regiment of the said Colonel Whiting to which he belonged was ordered out in mass & marched as she understood to the Mohawk Country. That the said Ebenezer Cady her husband was then a captain of a company in the said militia regiment and marched with the said regiment from his residence in Chatham aforesaid in the said county of Columbia he then being a resident of that town and that he was out upwards of a month on this tour of service. That the aforesaid major Beebee was out at the same time—That she the said Chloe Cady was informed by her said husband Ebenezer Cady that in this tour of service he was at Caughnawaga Johnstown Stone Arabia & Fort Herkimer in the Mohawk Country and that he was near by when Colonel Brown was killed at Stone Arabia and that the militia then out were commanded by General Van Rensselaer which information she the said Chloe then believed and still believes to have been true— That she has no documentary evidence by which she can prove the last tour of service.—

That the seventh tour of service performed by the said Ebenezer Cady which she the said Chloe Cady remembers was in the year 1780 but she is unable to state the month—That he was then a resident of the said town of Chatham in the county of Columbia aforesaid when he performed this last tour of service—That a part only of the said militia regiment to which he belonged was ordered out and that those so ordered out marched to Fort Edward as she understood and that the said Ebenezer Cady her husband in said town served as a captain and that he was out about six weeks according to her best recollection.—That she has no documentary evidence by which she can prove the said last tour of service.

And this declarant says that the said Ebenezer Cady her husband was out as a captain and served as a captain several times during the said revolutionary war besides the tours which she the said Chloe has particularly specified but how many times and the length of the several times she is unable to state but she is of the opinion and fully believes he must have served in all taking the tours she has stated considerably over a year & a half.

And the said Chloe Cady further declares that she was married to the said Ebenezer Cady on or about the twelfth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven and that her husband the aforesaid Ebenezer Cady died on the eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen at Chatham aforesaid in the county of Columbia aforesaid of the num palsey; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Chloe Cady

Sworn and Subscribed on the day & year above written before me. John B. Dygert, Judge as aforesaid of the Court of Common Pleas.

Letter in response to inquiry dated January 18, 1932.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Ebenezer Cady, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim W. 16524, based upon the military service of Ebenezer Cady in the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted, while residing at New Concord (which was later Chatham), Columbia County, New York, in January 1776 and was appointed captain in Colonel William B. Whiting's New York regiment, and served as follows:

In 1776, two weeks; from the latter part of June, 1777, six weeks; from the middle of August, 1777, two months and was at the surrender of Burgoyne; from some time in March or April, 1778, two months, from sometime in August, 1778, one month; from sometime in October, 1780, one month and was in the battle of Stone Arabia; and later in 1780, six weeks.

He married, February 12, 1767, Chloe her maiden name is not given.

He died, September 11, 1816, at Chatham, New York.

His widow, Chloe, was allowed pension on her application executed, January 27, 1837, then a resident of Schuyler, Herkimer County, New York, aged eighty-nine years, "April" 29 last past".

There is no reference to children.

End Notes—W.16524—Ebenezer Cady

1. Ebenezer was appointed first lieutenant in October of 1775 in Captain Philip Frisbie's, or Frisby, etc., Third Company in Colonel William B. Whiting's Seventeenth Regiment of the King's District of Albany county Militia. Ebenezer was commissioned Captain of the Third Company on June 16, 1778 as Captain was commissioned the second major of Whiting's Regiment.
2. Major General Philip Schuyler with the Albany County Militia joined forces with the Tryon County Militia at or near Caughnawaga in January of 1776. After holding meetings with Sir John Johnson, a loyalist who lived in John Town Sir John gave his parole not to take up arms against the United Colonies and his tenants surrendered their weapons.
3. The following officers were appointed at the same time as Colonel Whiting of the Seventeenth Albany Regiment. Asa Waterman as the lieutenant-colonel, Asa Douglas as the first major, Daniel Bouck or Buck, etc., as the second major, Joseph Wood as adjutant and Peter Garnsey as the quartermaster. On June 16, 1778, Martin Beebe is commissioned first major in Whiting's Regiment in place of Asa Douglas who moved out of the state. Jonathan Warner was commissioned the adjutant of the regiment on the same date.
4. Elijah Bostwick was the first lieutenant in Captain Asa Douglas' First Company in Colonel Whiting's Regiment. Bostwick was commissioned Captain of the same company on June 16, 1778.
5. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne was at the head of about 7,000 men coming out of Canada and following the Hudson River Valley towards Albany.
6. The Battle of Bennington was fought on August 16, 1777.
7. Major General Horatio Gates commanding the American Army at Stillwater.
8. Burgoyne surrendered his forces to General Gates on October 17, 1777.
9. Cherry Valley was attacked and burned on November 11, 1778 by Captain Walter Butler and Joseph Brant.
10. Sir John Johnson with about 700 men burned the Schoharie Valley on October 17, 1780.. Afterwards he burned Cardorty, a small settlement on the Schoharie Creek opposite Fort Hunter on October 18, 1780 and encamped for the night at Anthony's Nose. On the morning of October 19, 1780 the Battle of Stone Arabia took place at about 10:00 A.M. The Americans under Colonel John Brown were defeated leaving Colonel Brown was defeated leaving Colonel Brown and about 40 of his men dead. In the afternoon of October 19, Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer caught up with Johnson and his men near present day St. Johnsville. Here another battle took place called the Battle of Klocksfield. Ebenezer was in this battle not at Stone Arabia. General VanRensselaer was on his way with the Albany County Militia but he was too far away to help Colonel Brown.