

Pension Application for Elijah Cady

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State of New York

Columbia County

On this 24th day of January of the year 1833, personally appeared before me J. W. Fairfield out of Court, one of the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said County Elijah Cady a resident of the Town of Chatham in said County, lagged eighty five years last March, who first being 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 was born in the town of Coventry in the State of Connecticut in the 8th day of march in the year 1747, that he has the record of his age in his family Bible now in his possession & has entered before me the Justice aforesaid. That he lived in said Coventry till he was seven years of age, when his father moved to the town of Oblong in Dutchess County in the State of New York. He lived in said town till 1762 when his father moved to Canaan in Columbia County aforesaid—deponent of which town is now called Chatham.

That in January of the year 1775 he volunteered as a private in the company of Captain Ebenezer Cady & Regiment of Col. Wm B. Whiting to go & disarm Sir John Johnson. Lieutenant Col Asa Waterman had command at this time. When they arrived at Albany Genl Schuyler took command – they marched to Johnstown & effected their object & returned after an absence of one week. Again in the month of June in the same year viz 1775 he volunteered as a private in the same company & regiment aforesaid commanded by the same officers & he recollects that Major Bebee was in the same Regiment. They marched via Albany on to Fort Edward where he was in service one month, returning home the first of July in the same year.

In the month of May of the year 1776 he received a commission of Ensign in the company of said Captain Ebenezer Cady & Regiment of said Wm. B. Whitings signed by Governor Clinton. During the months of June & July of the same year he was ordered out in the same company aforesaid to join a detachment under Command of Major Hoes of Kinderhook. He then acted under his said commission for the first time. They scoured the woods & hiding places in every direction through the county in search of spies [?] of Tories who had killed one man & wounded others.

He was in actual service during said month—one full month as Ensign when his company was discharged. Again about the first of August of the same year viz, 1776 his company was ordered out to bring [?] Captain Cadys wife being sick this applicant was ordered to take command of the company. They marched via Albany, Schenectady &c to Cherry Valley. There Capt Cady joined them & [???] and Colonel Ogden he thinks had command of all the troops stationed there.

They were out on scouts at different times & were only discharged at the expiration of six weeks, about the middle of September.

Again about the first of October of the same year his said company was ordered out to go to Fort Edward. Colonel Whiting had command of the Regiment as usual.

On arriving at Greenbush, Genl Schuyler came over the River from Albany & told Col Whiting he must send some one back for provisions to be conveyed to Fort Edward. QuarterMaster Josiah Warner was sent back accordingly & the Regiment pushed on to Fort Edward. This applicant was in service there till about the middle of November when the regiment was duly discharged after a service of six weeks.

Again about the first of July of that year 1777 said Colonel Whiting's Regiment was ordered to Fort Edward or a part of it. This applicant's company went said Capt Cady in command & the ensign as aforesaid.

They marched via Greenbush & crossed at Half Moon Point. He went to Lake George to bring away & destroy the provisions &c. He assisted in setting fire to two sloops & blow up the magazine there.

He recollects that Colonel Lewis gave orders to destroy the grain in the fields at Sandy Hill he thinks they were joined by the Troops from Ticonderoga. After returning from Lake George, Genl Schuyler gathered the troops around him & made an address & then discharged half of the militia to take care of their farms.

This applicant was then sick with the camp complaint & was brought home & remained sick & unable to go out till the surrender of Burgoyne or about the first of November to when his company arrived home. This sickness alone prevented him being with his company & had he there he declares his service at this time to be four full months. Again in the Autumn of 1778 on an Island off [?] at the north he was ordered out as Ensign aforesaid in same company & [?] out to go to Schenectady where the [?] two weeks—Again on a similar alarm in the summer of 1779 he was ordered out in same company & regiment to Schenectady & lay there two full weeks.

Again on another alarm in the autumn of 1780 he was ordered out in same company & Regiment marched to Schenectady

& there awaited for further orders. One day in the afternoon they discovered the flames of Schoharie. They immediately marched in pursuit of the Indians. They pushed on to Fort Herkimer & found no provisions there. They pushed on a day & a half without any food. Governor Clinton was with them & advised to discontinue the pursuit.

They then returned to Herkimer & thence returned home after a service of one full month during this tour he saw the skirmish across the river Mohawk when Col Brown was killed.

And this applicant further declares that by reason of old age, & consequent loss of memory he can not wear positively as to the precise time of entered & leaving the services at each particular period but he can swear positively that he was in actual service during the revolution as a private of five weeks. 5 weeks. As an Insign [Ensign] in Capt. Cadys Company & Col Whiting's Regiment ten full months making in all his said service Eleven months & a quarter.

And he further says that he has never had any written discharge. That he has lost his said Commission within a few years & never find it. That he always served & volunteered & had stated the names of officers as near as he can recollect. That he

has no documentary evidence & knows of no living witness whose testimony he can obtain besides those herewith sent.

That he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present & that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That he is unacquainted with any clergyman who resides in town & must refer the Department to his neighbors Ambrose Pratt & Doctor Eliazor Boot who can testify to his character for truth & veracity & his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution. That since the Revolution he has resided in Chatham aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Elijah Cady.

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. J. W. Fairfield. Justice as aforesaid.