

### **Pension Application for Edward Chapman**

W.14466 (Widow: Rebecca Fainter.) Married February 20, 1812 a=in the Town of West Bloomfield in the County of Ontario. Edward died October 18, 1849 in the town of Batavia in Livingston County.

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State of New York

Livingston County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting, Edward Chapman a resident of Geneseo in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy two years 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In 1776 the month not recollected, he was called out with the militia the object being to reinforce the army at White Plains, after the militia had assembled all that were not [?] were sent to New London, and he was sent with them he was attached to Col. Wolcott's Regiment of Militia, his Captain's name was Thompson, don't recollect his first name, his Lieutenant's name was John Griffin, he served two months and was discharged, the next year he was drafted and sent to New London, where he served two months, all the troops there were militia and he should think not more in in [sic] all than two or three companies, he does not remember the names of any of the officers except his Lieutenant's which was Griffin, and brother to him who was his Lieutenant the year previous.

In about six months after this he was again drafted and stationed at New London. He served two months and was discharged. His Lieutenant's name was Vinton Becket, the names of the other officers he cannot recollect, during all this time his residence was at Lyme New London County Connecticut.

His next term of service was as a volunteer in the year 1779, he thinks. He enlisted under Captain Lothrop Allen, his Lieutenant's name was Carey, the object of the enlistment was to assist in driving the British from Newport, Rhode Island. The reason why he did not go as far as Newport was not explained to him, but after marching a part of the way his own company was stopped at Providence where there was a Brigade of Volunteers or militia after remaining there about one week, the company to which he belonged and two others were sent to Bristol where they remained during his term of enlistment which was three months, here he was again discharged and returned home to Lyme.

He again enlisted in the month of May 1780 at New Canaan under Captain Allen, he marched to Schoharrie and was attached to Col. John Harper's Regiment the name of the Major was Hughes. He remained a short time at Schoharrie when the regiment was ordered to Fort Plain from there to Fort Herkimer, no other troops except this regiment were there, they from this place went to Fort Stanwix, on the way they had an engagement with the British Tories and Indians. The Americans were victorious and continued to Fort Stanwix there he remained until in December when the Regiment was marched to Albany and discharged this term of service was seven months.

He served in these five different terms one year and four months, his place of resident when at home during the whole war was at Lyme Connecticut. The Town of Lyme at that time adjoined New London. At his first enlistment he marched through Norwich Preston Providence and Bristol, at his second enlistment he went from New Canaan to Schoharrie to German Flats, Fort Stanwix and back to Albany where he was discharged, that he does not know any person living by whom his services can be proved. That he was born in Lyme, New London County Connecticut on the first day of July 1760. He has no record of his age except he knows it is on the town book in Lyme aforesaid and also it has lately been put upon records of the Poor house in this county. Since the Revolutionary War he has resided some two or three years in Lyme, Connecticut at Duanesbush, in this state several years, at Sharon Schoharrie Co. Several years, about twenty, in Allegany county two years and since then has resided in

what is now Livingston County in this state his residence for nearly three years past has been at the poor house in Geneseo County aforesaid where he now resides he never received any written discharge but always served until he was regularly dismissed. The names of persons with whom he is acquainted in this county and who know him to be a person of truth and veracity are Alexander Patterson, Davenport Algar, Esquires, Thomas Young, Andrew Arnold, Harry May, Jothan Clark of Conesus, Elder John Hudson, Samuel Stevens, Elias Clark of Geneseo. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) Edward Chapman

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. S. G. Haver, Deputy Clerk.