

Pension Application for James Eager

W.643 (Widow: Esther)

B.L.Wt.11055-160-55

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

State of New York

County of Essex SS.

On this 19th day of August 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of Essex Common Pleas James Eager a resident of the Town of Ticonderoga County & State aforesaid aged seventy (70) year 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 was in the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated—

That in the summer of 1777-1778 he resided with his Uncle James while in Ulster County NY, town of Montgomery (now in Orange County) – his uncle was under engagement to serve six days in each month in case he was called upon during the above seasons commencing when the Indian scouts came in & continued till winter set in & this applicant did duty as substitute for his said uncle during said seasons wherever occasion called—his colonel was Jacob Newkirk Captain he was enrolled under Matice Felter but did duty under Captain John Newkirk nephew of Colonel Newkirk—no other officers recollected—he was out on numerous scouting parties during the above seasons but from old age the consequent loss of memory he cannot specify them particularly—he was sometimes out a day or two or more—he was out considerably more than the six days of each month—he was out in the whole during said seasons not less than three months. He received no written discharge –in no battles—no marching only [?] from place to place—in the year 1777 the fort at a place called Peenpack in Orange County was taken—he was not present having been thrown from a horse while in service going to the said fort & was carried home & was unable to do duty [?] for three weeks—this performed he thinks in the month of September (1777)

He was [?] service the year 1779 in the same regiment as [?] Captain Felton's Company—he was out on and alarm in April of the same year—he was about six days—he marched form his uncles residence in Montgomery to Peenpack—he volunteered—he was in no battle—he was stationed as sentinel at Peenpack during the six days.—

He enlisted in the fore part of June 1781, his officers were Colonel Frederic Weysenfalt a Dutchman of New York, Capt. Henry Godwin, Major Andrew Logan, Adjutant John Welsh, Lieutenant [?] Alexander McArthur & VanDyke, his regiment was in the Division commanded by Lord Sterling he was mustered at Newburgh NY, he resided in the same place as before in Montgomery, County of Ulster NY, he marched from Newburgh to Fishkill NY & there joined the remainder of the regiment where he staid six weeks drilling & doing other duties—marched from there to West Point N.Y.

stayed there one day & went on board of sloops to Albany the regiment remaining at [?] near West Point except Captain Dodge & Godwin's Companies—stayed about 2 weeks at Albany preparing for [????] And duties from thence he with the said two companies marched to Johnstown NY – how he stayed three weeks or more on duty in the fort & in engagements with Indians & Tories who besieged the fort—he went from this place to Saratoga & there joined his regiment here he was employed erecting & building block houses & other works—he remained here till he was discharged what was on the final day January 1782 having served the full term of six months and twenty five days.

He was born in the year 1763 at Goshen in the County of Orange N.Y.

He w record of his age in a book which belonged to his father but does not know where it is.

Since the Revolution he lived in the town of Montgomery Orange County when called into service until the year 1789 when he removed to Ticonderoga NY where he now resides—

He went into the service as a volunteer & substitute & he enlisted.

He recollects Colonel McKinstry, Col. Olney, Captain Brown at Saratoga, Col. Willets at Johnstown was with them with their regiments & companies.

He never received any written discharge.

He never had a commission.

He is known to Francis Arthur Esq, Doct Levi Wilcox & Joseph Weed, Esqr.

He has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person who can testify to his services whose testimony he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) James Eager.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid—before me Joseph S. Weed, a Judge of Essex Co. Com. Pleas.