

Pension Application for Daniel Eastwood

S.15108

State of New York
Otsego County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Com'n Pleas in & for the said County now sitting Daniel Eastwood a resident of the Town of Butternuts in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged eighty 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 the 7th of June 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—viz that he enlisted as a private soldier at Pittstown in the State of New York in the month of June or July 1775 for the term of nine months in the company commanded by Capt'n Elisha Benedict (1) in the 2d New York Reg't Commanded by Colo VanSchaick and was marched to Albany—from thence to St. John's and to Montreal at which last place and before said Term expired –he was transferred into Capt. John Fisher's (2) Company in the same Regiment and went to Quebeck and was at the Storming the works (3) there when Gen'l Montgomery (4) was killed and also his Aide McFinson and also Capt. Cheesman and others—that about the 14th of May 1776 he return'd from Quebeck and joined his old company under Capt'n Benedict (5) as aforesaid near the City of Albany & from thence went up the Mohawk River to JohnsTown to the FishHouse and from thence to Ball'sTown and was discharged at BallsTown in the fallof the year 1776 after having served at this time under both Enlistments about sixteen months.

That in the Month of May 1777 he volunteered for three months under Lieutenant Ford (6) in Capt'n Vanderkoop's Company went up to Fort Edward, Fort Miller & Fort Ann thence retreating before Burgoine's Army (7) to Stillwater when his time expired and he was discharg'd with said Company – and that he immediately engaged as a Volunteer in Capt'n. J. Rouse's (8) Company and March't directly to Beman's Height and to Stillwater to oppose Burgoine this was about the last of August 1777—that he was at the taking of Burgoine's Army in October (9) following and then went down the Hudson's River to Kingston or Esopus & thence across'd the river and was dismiss'd on the Westside after serving about four months on this past tour that he went several times on alarms or sudden Emergency as Volunteer (10) for short periods making in all something more than two years in that revolutionary war. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his said services but what is hereto annexed. That 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. (Signed) Daniel Eastwood.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk

End Notes—S.151008—Daniel Eastwood

1. Daniel served as a private in Captain Elisha Benedict's Eighth company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Regiment in 1775. On the Muster Roll "Chambly Fort Dated this 31 Day of Jany 1776", Daniel is listed as "on command Quebec". FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. John Fisher was the Captain of the First Company in the Second New York.
3. The Storming of Quebec was on December 31, 1775.
4. Major General Richard Montgomery of the Continental Army, Aide de Camp Finson is unknown, and Captain Jacob Cheeseman of the Fifth Company in Colonel Alexander McDougal's First New York Continental Regiment.
5. Elisha Benedict on April 15, 1776 was appointed Captain of the Second Company in Colonel John Nicholson's Additional Continental Regiment. There are no known muster rolls for this regiment. Colonel Nicolson's Regiment was stationed at Johnstown during the summer of 1776 replacing the Third New Jersey Continental Regiment which was marched to the present site of the village of Herkimer and built a fort which they named Fort Dayton in honor of their Colonel, Elias Dayton.
6. Second Lieutenant Nathaniel Ford of Captain Hendrick Vanderhoof's First Company in Colonel Peter Yates' Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
7. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne with about 7,000 British Regular, Loyalists, Indians, and German Mercenaries invaded New York from Canada via the Hudson River Valley Corridor.
8. Colonel Morris Graham commanded a regiment of militia made up of drafts serving in the "Northern Army" for about 5 months in 1777. John Rouse was one of his captains.
9. General Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.
10. Daniel also served as a private in Captains James Hadlock and Cornelius Wiltse's or Wilsey Companies in Colonel Yates' Regiment.