

Pension Application for Teunis Eckerson

W.19215 (Widow: Charity) Married September 23, 1782 Teunis died November 12th or 15th, 1822.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty six personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York at a Court [?] at the Court House in the town of Schoharie in and for said County of Schoharie Charity Eckerson a resident of the Town of Middleburgh in said County of Schoharie aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4 the 1836.

That she is the widow of Teunis Eckerson who was enlisted as a private in the Militia of the State of New York to the best of her knowledge--& believes verily as the first of September in the year of our Lord 1776 as a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Peter Vrooman, Lieutenant Colonel Giles, Majors Thomas Eckerson, Joseph T. Eckerson a company commanded by Captain George Rycktemire, Lieutenant John Bellinger—believes that he belonged to the same Militia Company & Regiment from the said first day of September in the year 1776 until the first day of March 1783 that during that time he was subsequently on duty from the periods time from two days to three weeks at a time in Scouts in the service of the United States.

That she correctly state where he served on duty at each time that he was usually under the immediate command of several of the above stated officers.

That he was on duty from the twenty third day of September in the year 1782 until the first day of November 1783 in the fort in Middleburgh nearly all the time. That he resided in the town of Middleburgh in said County of Schoharie when he entered the service. That he resided in the town of Middleburgh in said County of Schoharie where he entered the service. That she had no documentary evidence in support of the claim. That to the best of her knowledge & belief he was engaged on duty in the service of the United States as a private soldier from the said first day of September the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1783 at least three years. That the said Teunis Eckerson was a pensioner under the act of June 7th 1832—his certificate has been returned to the deponent.

She further declares that she was married to the said Teunis Eckerson on the twenty third day of September in the year 1782. That her husband Tuenis Eckerson aforesaid died on the 12th day or 15th day of November which day she does not recollect. That she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the heretofore evidence.

That she has a record of her marriage in a book kept by her husband the said Teunis Eckerson for the purpose of recording marriages, Births & deaths in his family & while in possession made by her husband some aforesaid marriages. (Signed with her mark) Charity Eckerson

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. A. A. Keyser,
Clerk

State of New York
Schoharie County SS.

On this sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared before me Thomas P. Danforth one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York Teunis Eckerson a resident of the Town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie & State of New York aged seventy eight 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, 1832.

That he was born & has always resided at a place now the town of Middleburgh, Schoharie County, State of New York, that he was enrolled in the Militia [sic] of the State of New York as early as the first of September in the year of our Lord 1776, that the regiment in which he was enrolled was commanded by Colonel Peter Vrooman, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Zeilie, Majors Thomas Eckerson & Joseph Becker, in a company in which he was enrolled was commanded by Captain Richtmeyer, Lieutenant Jeremiah Bellinger, Senior, but he does not recollect the name of the ensign. That he belonged to the same militia regiment and company from the said first day [?] 1776 until as late as the first day of March in the year 17[?]-that from the said first day of September 1776 until the first day of March [?] he was very frequently on duty in the service of the United States for short periods on scouts or had orders & on guard sometime, [?] days at a time, often for a week or two scouting & frequently two or three weeks at a time, that he does not recollect a number of different periods he was on guard or duty in the service of the United States from the said first day of September until the said first day of March 17[?] but he is unsure that it was at least two hundred.

That he was during most of those periods under the immediate command of some officer of the militia Regiment or company to which he belonged but which officer or officers had the immediate command which he period he does not recollect—that he does not recollect the time where he [he keeps saying things over and over again! I can't read this section well either.]

That he resided in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie at the time he entered the service at each of the above mentioned periods.

That he does not know the manner in which he was called into the service at each of the above mentioned periods.

That he was ordered out on duty by someone of the militia officers of the Regiment or Company to which he belonged and obeyed their orders.

That he was engaged in a skirmish in the year 1781, at the Little Lake, a small Lake at the head of the Delaware River in Schoharie County with the Indians. That Captain Hager commanded the Americans.

That he was in the Middle Fort in Schoharie in the year 1780 when Schoharie was burnt by the parties under Sir John Johnson. That he does not recollect where he was engaged on duty during each of the above mentioned periods.

That he went frequently on scouts into the different of that section of country now the County of Schoharie in the State of New York.

That eh went several times on scouts into those parts of the State of New York, now the counties of Otsego, Delaware, & Albany.

That that [sic] three forts were built intha section of County now the County of Schoharie in the State of New York in the year 1778, called the Upper, Middle, & lower forts.

That after the forts were erected he was frequently engaged on duty in the Middle fort as a guard.

That he marched under Colonel Peter Vrooman in the year 1777 or 1778 against a party of Tories & Indians under McDonalds who has been massacuring in Schoharie; Colonel Harper with a company of Light-horse from Albany under his command was with the Americans. That a party of Riflemen, under the command of Colonel Butler came to the middle Fort in Schoharie in the summer of the year 1778 & lay there & at the Upper Fort until sometime in the summer of the year 1779, when they left Schoharie—

That small parties of Continental Troops were at the different forts in Schoharie, occasionally during the Revolutionary War but that he does not recollect who were their officers with Major [Wolsey?] a Continental officer commanded the middle fort in the year 1780 when Schoharie was burnt.

And the said Eckerson saith that he is positive that he was engaged on duty in the service of the United States as a private soldier first day of March in the year 1776 until the last day of March 17[?] at different periods in the town of Middleburgh in a the County of Schoharie, that he has a record of said act in his family Bible in his possession but that he has no documentary evidence of his service above set forth. That he never received a written discharge from the service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity [?] but declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of [???] (Signed with his mark)
Tuenis Eckerson

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before me, Thos. P. Danfort, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York.