

Pension Application for Jonathan Elliott

R.3,299

State of New York
Monroe County SS.

On this 12th day of March 1845 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County.

Now sitting Jonathan Elliot a resident of the town of Chili in said County aged Eighty Six 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and as herein stated.

He enlisted in the autumn of 1777 for nine months under Capt. James McMaster (1), Lieutenant Amos Bennet (2), Ensign Newcork (3) in the New York State troops at a place then called Warrensbush now Florida in the County of Montgomery in this state. The precise month or the day of the month he cannot now recollect it was after the surrender of Burgoine. (4) Capt. McMaster, not succeeding in & raising a full company he (Mr. Elliott) was transferred to Capt. McKean's (5) Company at Fort Plain, Colonel Willett (6) commandant remained most of the time in garrison at Fort Plains until the time of his enlistment had expired was out on several occasions on Scouts during the time against the Indians and Tories on one occasion whilst out had a skirmish with the Indians and Tories at a place then called Turlock now called Sharron in Schoharie County in this state at which time Capt. McKean (7) was killed by the enemy.

There was at the time of his service at Fort Plain two or three hundred men some of them enlisted for three years and some for nine months among the former was Gideon Elliott (8) a brother of him the said Jonathan.

He recollects the names of Abner French and Ansel French (8) brothers who were privates in the same company with himself.

After the term of his service had expired he returned home at Warrensbush and from that time until the close of the war he was frequently called out to repel the invasions of the Indians and Tories who made from time to time attacks upon the inhabitants in the neighborhood killing the inhabitants and burning their dwellings was out a great many times on such occasions some times for one day and sometimes for two or three days and sometimes for a week.

1. He was born at Stonington in the State of Connecticut on the 3d day of May 1758.
2. His birth was recorded in his father's family Bible which was destroyed by the burning of his father's (10) dwelling by the Indians during the war.
3. Was living when called in to the service at what was then called Warrensbush now Florida in the Montgomery County in this State. Lived after the war at the same place then moved to a place called Bowans (Bowman's) Creek or Canajoharie now in Montgomery County. Lived there ten or twelve years, then moved to Sharron in Schoharie County, lived there eight or ten years then went to Chateaugay in the County of Franklin in this State and remained there until 1806 and then moved into the Lower Canada town of Hench Brook in the district of Montreal and remained there until war was declared against Great Britain by the United States, then came back to the States but owning a farm and all of his property being in Canada he was persuaded to go on to his farm and remained neutral during the war remained there a while and on his property being destroyed by the British Army he came back in to the States and remained there until the close of the war, then again went on to his

farm in Canada and lived there until 1829 then again coming to the States after losing all of his property, remained at Chateaugay for four years and then came to Chili where he has resided until the present time.

4. At fort Plain where he served he recollects of no regular officers except the officers under whom he served Colonel Willett has already been mentioned he knew General Schuyler. (11)
5. [skipped 5] 6. Never received a written discharge to his recollection is very sure he did not. He gives the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for character for veracity viz, Lewis Clark, Monro Blye, James Wooden.

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 of this union.

There is no person now living to his knowledge by which he can prove his service by. (Signed with his mark) Jonathan Elliott. (12)

In presence of Stephen A. Leach.

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1. Jonathan has the information on his service incorrect. His pension application was rejected for lack of proof of any military service. James McMaster was the second lieutenant in Captain David McMaster's Sixth Company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Eventually James was promoted to the first lieutenant of the company and was commissioned as such on March 8, 1781.
2. Amos Bennet was appointed ensign in Captain Abraham Hodge's Eighth Company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Visscher's Regiment. After Captain Hodges moved out of Tryon County the first lieutenant Joseph Yeomans was appointed captain of the company. Bennet was then appointed as the second lieutenant. They were commissioned on March 8, 1781.
3. Garret C. Newkirk served as an ensign in Captain Garret Putman's Company and later as a lieutenant in Captain Isaac Marselis' Company both companies were in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.
4. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army at Saratoga on October 17, 1777 to Major General Horatio Gates of the Continental Army.
5. Captain Robert McKean was in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment in 1777.
6. The year for this term of service that he is relating is actually in 1781. Robert McKean was appointed Captain in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in late April or early May of 1781.
7. The battle of New Dorlach was fought on July 10, 1781. Captain McKean died of his wound on the return march to Fort Rensselaer.
8. Gideon served in Captain Jonathan Pearse's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment in 1782 and 1782. See Don't Shoot, Vol I., pp 161-164.
9. Ansel and Asel French were son s of Captain Abner French. The French brothers served in Captain Lawrence Gross' Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Willett's Regiment in 1781.
10. Warrens Bush now the Town of Florida, Montgomery County was burned on October 24, 1781 by troops under Major John Ross and Captain Walter Butler. The home of Andrew Elliott was burned at this time.
11. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.

12. Jonathan was born in 1758 he would have been able to join Colonel Visscher's Regiment as early as 1775. Jacob Elliott, and Joseph Elliott served in Captain Yeomans' Company in Colonel Visscher's Regiment which enrolled men from Warrens Bush as did Captain McMaster.