

Pension Application for Caleb Fish

S.236333

State of New York

Saratoga SS.

On this 31st day of December 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting Caleb Fish a resident of the Town of Greenfield in said county aged eighty one 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

On being asked where & in what year was you born? He says he was born in Tivestown in Rhode Island in 1752.

On being asked have you any record of your age & if so where is it? He says it is in the Town of Dartmouth in the State of Rhode Island in his Grandfather's Bible.

On being asked when was you living when called into service where have you lived since in the Revolutionary War & where do you now live? He says when called into service he lived at Nine Partners in Dutchess County in State of New York & moved from thence to Catskill & from thence to Saratoga from thence to Westport in Essex County where he lived twenty years & from thence to Greenfield in Saratoga County where he has lived about one year & still lives.

On being asked how were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? He says that in April 1776 he volunteered at Nine Partners aforesaid for a month & a half under Capt. Hugh Ray in Colonel Cortland's Regiment of Militia & marched to Red Hook & then went down the Hudson river to New York & from thence to Horn's Hook Point or Hurl Gate & was employed there the whole six weeks in Building a Fort, at the end of that time was discharged & returned home.

In August 1776 at Nine Partners aforesaid he enlisted for five months in Capt Wm Stewart's company in Col. Graham's Regiment of Militia, Lieut. Seaton was Lieutenant of the Company & General Clinton a Continental officers was stationed near the regiment at the time of enlistment at Red Hood.

But I forget whether he was a Continental officer or not. We marched from nine partners & Kings Bridge & remained near there the whole five months excepting when on a scout or Morrisiana & Harlem Creek & at Rye. During this service was the Battle of White Plains. Deponent was sick with Camp Distemper at the time of the battle & General Clinton gave him a furlough to go home it was written by himself but is not burnt in deponents house which was burnt some years since with nearly all his other effects. Deponent went home on the furlough and staid about twenty days in which time his five months expired.

In January following he enlisted again for six weeks at Nine Partners under Capt. Finch & marched with him without any other officers to Albany Deponent was engaged there six weeks in Teaming & then went home.

Deponent says he served at Two other times about two months or more part of the time under Capt. Humphrey & part under Capt. Husted at Fishkill, where we were sometimes on guard sometimes engaged in Chopping wood & now & then on scouts.

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On being asked to state the names & some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served, such continental & Militia regiments as he can recollect & the general circumstances of his service he says the foregoing contains his answer thereof. That there were other officers not named but his memory fails him & he does not recollect names.

He says he never received a written discharge. That he is known to Joseph S. Streeter & George Mosher in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That there is no Clergyman to whom he is known whom he can procure to certify as to his character.

That he has no documentary evidence & knows no person except those whose affidavits are annexed whose testimony he can procure & who can testify to his services.

Deponent says he served one month & a half under Capt Ray as above mentioned—five months under Capt. Steward—one month & a half under Capt Finch & at least two months under Capt. Husted & Capt Humphrey as above stated in the whole ten months for which he claims a pension as a private soldier.

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

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. A. Goodrich, Clerk

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

The data given below were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.23633, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Caleb Fish.

Caleb Fish was born in the year 1762 in Tiverton, Rhode Island, the names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, Caleb Fish served with the New York troops, as follows—from April, 1776, one month and a half in Captain Hugh Ray's company, Colonel VanCortland's regiment; from August 1776, five months in Captain William Stewart's Company, Colonel Graham's regiment; from the January following, six weeks in Captain Finch's company, and about two months in Captains Humphrey's and Husted's companies.

Caleb Fish moved from Nine Partners to Catskill, then to Saratoga, then to Westport, Essex County, New York, where he lived for twenty years, and moved to Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York. He was allowed pension on his application executed, December 31, 1833, while a resident of said Greenfield.

Pardon Fish, brother of the soldier, Caleb Fish, in 1833 was living in Springville, Pennsylvania, aged eighty three years.

Abner Fish in 1833 was living in Westport, New York, his relationship to the soldier is not stated.