

### **Pension Application for Joseph Fish**

W.2089 (Widow: Martha)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ulster County being a court of record for said county proceeding according to the Course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of these proceedings having a Clerk & Seal of their own.

Joseph Fish a resident of the town of Olive in the County of Ulster aged seventy two 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That on or about the first of August in the year 1776 he volunteered in the service of [the] Militia of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War and was in the company of Captain Isreal [sic] Platt Lieutenants Hopkins & Parks in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment for five months rendezvoused at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess went from there by water to [Spetem?] marched from there to Fort Independence at Kingsbridge remained there until after the battle at Hearleem [Harlem] Heights went from there to White Plains and arrived there about the first of October was there at the time of the battle (but not in the battle) of White Plains and went from there some time in the month of November following with said company and Regiment to Peekskill under the command of General Glovers, and continued three months about the first of January following (1777) and was then there discharged.

Saw and knew Generals Washington Clinton and McDugall—received a written discharge signed by Colonel Graham but has lost it, and he further says that he knows of no person alive that can testify to the above service.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of January 1777 he again volunteered in the said service as aforesaid as a private soldier in the Company of Lieutenant Stephen Haight in Col. Graham's Regiment for one and [a] half month rendezvoused at Peekskill marched from there to a place called Krom Pond continued in there and in the vicinity a few days, then returned again and went to White Plains and continued there until about the first of March following and was then there discharged, (Received no written discharge) and this applicant further declares that he is not acquainted with any person above who can testify to the above service.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of April in the year 1777 he again volunteered in the said service as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Smith Southerland in Colonel Graham's Regiment for Four

Months, was stationed for one month at Poughkeepsie Dutchess County as a guard [guard] and while there in that service saw the Traitors Smith and Akerly hung, and then with the said Company and Regiment went to Peekskill and stationed in the Fort under the command of General McDugall, from there he this applicant with a Sergeant and twelve men were ordered out on fatigue party to carry provisions to a place called the Continental Village—and also to thrash grain that had belonged to the Tories in the adjoining neighbourhood, land that this applicant and the said party continued in said service until about the first of August and then returned to the Fort and Joined the Regiment. When he with the said regiments were there discharged—(but received no written discharge).

And that this applicant further declares that there is no person alive with whom he is acquainted that can testify to the above last service.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of October in the year 1777 he again volunteered as a substitute for Eliphas Fish in the same service as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Eben Husted in Colonel David Southerland's Regiment at a place called Carpenter's Hollow in Dutchess County and marched from there to Peekskill Hollow or Continental Village and remained there until Fort Montgomery was taken then went to a place called New Windsor on the West side of the River, Hudson and saw the British shipping pass up the River, then marched to join General Clinton on the way to Kingston Ulster County arrived there one day after Kingston was burned, returned a few miles to a place called Hurley and there saw the spy (Taylor) hung—and then returned to New Windsor about the first of November following, when this applicant after the full term of one month was with the said company & Regiment discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of November in [the] same year 1777 he again volunteered as a substitute for Richard Bullock in the same service as aforesaid as a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain Jonathan Williard for one month rendezvoused at Rhinebeck Dutchess County then crossed the Hudson River to Kingston and from there to the Delaware River to a place called PeanPack, and continued there until this applicant had served the full term of one month and was then there discharged.

Said service was in a fort to protect the frontier from the Indians & Trees, (received no written discharge) and this applicant further declares that there is no person with whom he is acquainted that can testify to the last above service and this applicant further declares that on or about the 24th of October 1780 he again entered the same service as aforesaid in the company under the command of Captain Humprey for six weeks and at Fishkill Dutchess County went from there by water to Albany and went from there to Saratoga and was sent from there by water to Albany, and went from there to Saratoga and was sent from there with a guard[ guard] to White Hall with a Flag of truce, and there met the British flag, and then returned to Saratoga, and escorted some women & children to Whitehall & then returned to Albany, and then he with the company was sent as a guard to the Cattle at Fort

Stanwix and was there discharged the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1780—and he further declares that he knows of no person alive who can testify to the above service.

And finally he further declares that shortly after the Revolutionary War he moved away from the then precincts of Charlotte Dutches[s] County, his then place of residence to Saratoga & from there to Monkton in the State [of] Vermont where he lived twenty one years, then returned to Cairo Green County—and has lived in the Town of Olive (where he now lives) twenty one years, and not having seen or heard of any of those who served with him in the Revolutionary War, except James Wenchell who only recollects his name but had no personal acquaintance with him, is the cause why he is unable as he verily believes and declares on his oath [?] procure the necessary collateral evidence of the aforesaid services to which he positively declares as aforesaid to be just and true as to time of service.

And this applicant further declares that one or about the first of June 1778, he gain entered the same service as aforesaid a a [sic] substitute for a class in the company under the command of Capt. Elijah Hendricks for one month and was stationed at Fishkill and continued there in said service the full term of one month & was then there discharged (received no written discharged)

And he further says that there is no person above with them he is acquainted that can testify to the above service)

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of November 1778 he was drafted in said Service as aforesaid in the Company under the Command of Capt. James Talmage in Colonel Southerland's Regiment for one months to guard the stores belonging to the army at Fishkill, Dutchess County and was there discharged.

And that this applicant further declares that he was positively served the full term of seventeen months or more. But as to the dates and officers. Yet he verily believes that they are also correct.

Interrogatories are answered in the Declaration.

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) Joseph Fish

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. A.G. Hardenburgh, John Jensen, Abm A. Deyo Judges