

Pension Application for Elisha Freeman

S.44854

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

Elisha Freeman of the town of Verona in the County of Oneida, being duly sworn saith, that he is a citizen of the United States residing in Verona aforesaid; that during the Revolutionary War he this deponent served to the best of his recollection and belief about fourteen months as a soldier in the army of the United States, that this deponent first enlisted into the army in the month of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six, for the term of eleven months, the day when he first enlisted this deponent does not recollect.

That he first enlisted in the town of Saratoga Washington County (then Albany) in the State of New York and was attached to the company commanded by Capt. Robert Edmuston and belonged to the regiment commanded by Col. VanSchaick of the New York line, that the company and regiment to which this deponent belonged marched first to Albany and then proceeded to the northward down the lake (Champlain) and into the province of Lower Canada to join the army commanded by General Arnold—that the regiment met the army on their retreat a little below St. Johns and there were joined to the main army and returned with it to St. Johns and proceeded from thence up the lake and thence to Albany where the detachment to which this deponent belonged was discharged—

That this deponent shortly after enlisted again into the army at Red Hook for three months and was attached to the company commanded by Capt. John Hermance of Col. Graham's regiment of the New York line and proceeded from thence to Saratoga and was taken a prisoner by a small scouting party for Burgoyne's army & remained a prisoner until the army was captured, and was then retaken & again attached to his former company and regiment and then proceeded to a place called Hurley and was there discharged from the army—and that this deponent has no papers in his possession by which he can ascertain the time of his enlistments and discharge.

That this deponent by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his country for support. (Signed) Elisha Freeman

On this fourteenth day of April 1818 personally came before me the above named Elisha Freeman who signed the above affidavit before me and made oath to the same. Charles Wylie one of the Judges of Oneida, Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated December 3, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.44854, it appears that ELISHA FREEMAN enlisted at Saratoga, Albany (which was later Washington) County, New York, as February 1, 1776, as a private in Captain Robert Edmonston's Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment and was discharged December 31, 1776. In 1777 he enlisted as a private in Captain John Hermansee's Company in Colonel Graham's New York Regiment; he was taken prisoner by a small scouting party of Burgoyne's army and was held until the capture

of Burgoyne when he joined his company and regiment and was soon discharged, having served three months in all.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 14, 1818, at which time he was living in Verona, Oneida County, New York.

In 1821 he stated that he was sixty-four years of age and referred to his wife, Mary Ann, aged sixty-four, his daughter, Clarissa, aged twenty-four, and his grandson, Nelson Daniels, aged seven years.

This is the only Elisha Freeman of Albany County, New York, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.