

Pension Application for Eleazer Hills or Hill

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State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 6th day of February AD 1833 personally appears before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and State of New York Eleazer Hills a resident of the town of Scipio in said County aged seventy six years who being by me 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the town of Gumbury in the State of Connecticut AD 1756 as he believes (but has no record of his age) where he continued to reside until he was about fifteen years of age, from thence he removed to the town of Little Hoosack [Hoosick] now in the County of Rensselaer [Rensselaer] in the State of New York where he continued to reside until the time of the Revolutionary War.

That about the first of April AD 1776 he enlisted into a company of New York State Troops as he believes commanded by Captain Robert Coffin, Lieutenant Joel Dixon and Ensign _____ Dean in the regiment commanded by Col. _____ Elmer – that he marched with said company to fort George where he was stationed and continued to serve a term of three months, from thence he marched to Albany with said Company & regiment where he remained about twelve days and marched from thence to a place called fort Dayton on the Mohawk River where he was stationed until the month of March AD 1777 when he was discharged having served a term of eleven months from the time of said enlistment—

That he was employed part of the time in building a bridge for the use of the American Army on the South side of the Mohawk River. He further says that soon after the aforesaid discharge he again entered said service as a volunteer in the company of militia, commanded by Capt. William Sharp and Lieutenant Whitney, and marched to Fort Herkimer where he continued to serve fourteen days and then joined a company of militia commanded by Captain Dixon but the names of his other officers he does not remember and continued to serve therein a term of six months. That said service was performed at different places along the Mohawk river to guard the frontiers and the inhabitants from the ravages of the Indians--that the different detachments of militia and other troops were stationed along the Mohawk at different places in small parties for the purpose of keeping such guard, that scouting parties were frequently sent out in which parties he was sometimes engaged.

That he was stationed part of the time at different places near said fort and part of the time in said fort and at other places—that after the expiration of said six months he returned home where he remained about fourteen days.

That in the month of October AD 1777 he again entered said service in a company of militia commanded by Captain Samuel Shaw, Lieut. Munson, & Ensign

does not recollect in the Regiment commanded by does not recollect under Gen. Tenebroeck [garbled, but it was written that way]

That he marched to a place called fish creek, that he was in a skirmish at a place called Moses Creek in which Lieut Munson was killed & fell directly by his side—

That he was called into service to oppose the army of Gen. Burgoine and was present when said army capitulated and laid down their arms. That he continued in service at this time a term of half a month or more as he believes—that his whole term of service as he verily believes was not less than one year and six months as a private soldier.

That he received a written discharge from said eleven months service signed by Col. Elmer, but that the same was lost some years ago. So that he cannot now produce it—that he never received any written discharge from said service and has no documentary proof thereof—that he has not the testimony of any living witness to said services and cannot procure it as he believes—that whilst in said service.

He knew of no other officers than those above stated according to his best recollection—

That from the town of Little Hoosack he removed to the town of Granville in the County of Washington & Sate of New York where he continued to reside about twelve years and removed from thereunto the town of Scipio in the said County of Cayuga where he has resided ever since and where he now resides. That at the time of the capture of Gen. Burgoine he saw a number of Continental & other officers but knew not their names.

That John C. Rudd is a clergyman and Alexander weed live in his neighbourhood and can testify as to his character for truth and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he frequently served with different militia Regiments but owing to old age & loss of memory he cannot state particularly when or where said services were performed.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed with his mark)
Eleazer Hills

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid J. L. Richardson first Judge of Cayuga.