

Pension Application for Elvin Hunt

S.9355

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Chautauqua County.

On this 12th day of October 1832 personally in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Chautauqua, Elvin Hunt a resident of the town of French Creek in said County, aged seventy three years on the 20 day of November next was 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.

That in the year 1776 he resided in Schabrook [Schodack?] then Albany now Rensselaer County, on the then frontier of the State, that county was infested with Indians Tories & Refugees, that throughout the whole of the Revolutionary contest, they had almost constantly to stand by their arms, early in the season of 1776. Declarant & the other Whig Inhabitants of the place formed themselves into a military association for the protection & the annoying of the enemy & agreed to keep oen company constantly on the field & for this purpose every inhabitant was to arm & equip himself & do duty alternately a fortnight at each time. Under these regulations declarant was out through the summer & fall of 1776 about every other fortnight & marched a number of times to fort Miller & Fort Edward & by Stillwater & Fish creek to what was then called Palmerstown, and to various other places in the vicinity of Schaghticoke from which not anyone was apprehended.

That on these expeditions sometimes one inhabitant commanded the company & sometimes another some serving as captain but once or twice & others several times.

That he believes he was engaged in the summer & fall of this year at least three months. That he recollects among the Captains, of the company Capt. Elias Golden, Peter Martin & Col. McCracken commanded the regiment.

In the spring of 1777 he was drafted to serve as a militia man under Capt. Whitesides, Coll VanVorts Regiment & repaired to Fort Miller & from thence to Fort Edward & thence to Lake George tarrying at the last mentioned place about three weeks & leaving Lake George they marched down the river by way of Fort Edward to Albany. They remained a few days to Albany & then went on to VanSchaick's Island & after arriving at that place he had permission of his Capt. to return home & to return to the army at a minute's warning & after remaining home about one week he was ordered out again & joined the army under General Gates at Half Moon Point marching under General Gates to Stillwater & after staying two or three days he as a militia man was ordered out under Col. VanVort and marched to a place called Tulls Mills then in Albany County where General Fellows had the command, & marched with the army to Boltenkill & stayed there about three weeks at this time the British

forces were lying across the river at Fish Creek, under the command of General Burgoyne had surrendered his forces at this time to General Gates, declarant was then ordered by General Fellows to follow the Captured army to drive a provision cart to Williamston in Vermont, after doing which declarant returned to his home without any formal discharge, declarant was out in actual service this season for about five months.

That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services excepting Joel Benson, Thomas Burch, whose depositions are annexed.

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

And in answer to the particular interrogatories of the Court now here he says.

1. I was born in Pawling, Dutchess [Dutchess] County on the 25 Nov 1759.
2. I have a record of my age, now in possession of Samuel Hunt on the town of Ripley in Chau. Co.
3. I was living in Schaghticoke when called into service & have since the Revolutionary War lived in Schaghticoke about thirty years when he moved to Chautauqua County where I now reside and have resided for about twenty years when I move dot Chautauqua County where I now reside & have resided for about twenty years when he moved to Chautauqua County where I now reside & have resided for about twenty years.
4. I was first called into service by voluntary engagement being afterwards drafted but never have served as a substitute.
5. This interrogatory is answered as fully in my declaration as I am able so to do.
6. I never received militia discharges but was always dismissed as militia now or on parade days.
7. I am known to John [Dodge?] & John Helms of French Creek who I presume can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

(Signed) Elvin Hunt. Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid, James B. Lowry, Clerk