

Pension Application for Elijah Lewis

S.22353

State of Pennsylvania

County of Erie

On this sixth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas being a court of Record now sitting Elijah Lewis a resident of the Township of Conneaut in the County of Erie aforesaid and State of Pennsylvania aged sixty eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This applicant cannot recollect with certainty the time when he first entered into the service, but believes it to have been in the year 1779 or 1780 believes it was in the month of April, he was then a resident of the Town of Hoosack in the County of Renssallier [Rensselaer] in the State of N York (then Albany County) that he first enlisted for the term of nine months, he was attached to a company commanded by Capt. Peters in the Regiment commanded by Col. Marrinus Willett in the N. York State troops (as he believes) that before the term of nine months had expired he enlisted for the term of two years longer in the same regiment and in the Service of the United States.

Some time during the period of his said service he was placed in a company commanded by Capt. Fundy afterwards as that company was disbanded and he was placed in another company commanded by Capt Pierce. This second enlistment was at Johnstown in the County of Montgomery in the said State of N York. He enlisted to serve in the same regiment untill the close of the war. He was discharged at Schenectady in the State of N. York. He thinks he was discharged in the month of January and that if he had served till the month of April following it would have made out a period of two years. He was engaged in the defense of the frontiers and was out in frequent scouting parties after the Indians. He was principally engaged on the Mohawk river; was marched to Oswego under Col Willett; the Rhode Island regiment commanded by Col. Olney was along with us when we went to Oswego;. The name of our Major was Benschkouter Capt. Wright also belonged to our regiment.

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 the agency of state.

This applicant states that he received a discharge but it is lost and he does not know where it is. He has the affidavit of Ashbal Treat and Samuel Concklin in proof or [of] his services which are herewith transmitted.

And further states that he was born in Exeter in Rhode Island in March in the year 1764 has no record of his age—that he received a discharge, & carried it to his father & never saw it since.

After the war went to his fathers in Connecticut that next lived in Hoosack New York where he got married thence he moved to Otsego County New York—then to Montgomery County—then again to Renssalaer County—then to Montgomery County

again then to Auburn in Cayuga County—from that he moved to Erie County Pa & has resided here about eleven years last past.

That Revd George Steentz & Rodolphus Loomis are among his present neighbors who can prove his character. (Signed) Elijah Lewis

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court this 6 August 1832. Edwain J. Kelso, Pro.