

**Pension Application for Elisha B. Maynard**

R.7063

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

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty-sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas, of the said County of Westchester and State of New York now sitting at White Plains in said County, Elisha B. Maynard, a Resident of the Town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester—aged seventy one years on the twenty fourth day of January last 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say that in the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight this declarant was residing in the Town of Harrison aforesaid (then called Harrison's Purchase) in the said County of Westchester within the Militia beat of a Company of Militia in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment of Militia in said County commanded by Captain Thomas Carpenter and being then over fifteen years of age and constantly exposed to attacks from parties of the Enemy.

This declarant volunteered to service and did serve as a private in the aforesaid Company of Militia in Regular Military service under arms on guard and patrolling parties within the said County whenever they were ordered by their officers from the Month of March aforesaid till about the first day of November in said last mentioned year.

That during this declarants aforesaid service in the aforesaid Militia Company as a private from the exposed situation of the said County of Westchester and their vicinity to the British lines this declarant with his said company were in almost constant military service under arms by day or night on guard within the said County insomuch that this declarant could not nor did during said last mentioned period follow any civil employment whatever but was for different periods of time from the month of March aforesaid to the month of November aforesaid in the year 1778 in actual military service under arms as a Private in his aforesaid Company of Militia in the service of the Americans four months.

That while this declarant was serving as aforesaid as a private in his aforesaid Company of Militia & while this declarant and part of his aforesaid company with his said Captain and Lieutenant of said Company with his said Captain and Lieutenant of said Company (James Brundage) were doing duty under arms as a guard at the house of Colonel Thomas Thomas the Colonel of their said Regiment at the Town of Harrison aforesaid a party of British horse and infantry under the Command of Colonel Simcoe before daylight attacked the said party on Guard at Colonel Thomas's as aforesaid and

killed their said Lieutenant (James Brundage) and Gilbert Slater a private in said company dangerously wounded their aforesaid Captain, Thomas Carpenter and took their aforesaid Colonel Thomas Thomas—this Declarant and all the rest of the party (but one of them) Prisoners.

That the said British party made the attack aforesaid and took this Declarant prisoner on or about the first day of November in the year 1778, but this Declarant cannot recollect the particular day of said Month.

That this Declarant was immediately taken by the said British party under the Command of Colonel Simcoe to the City of New York and lodged there in the “Provost Jail” where this Declarant remained a prisoner of war for the space of three months and was then removed as such prisoner to the “Sugar House” in the said City then used as a Jail by the British for the American Prisoners where this declarant remained as such prisoner till his exchange which took place about the first day of April in the year 1779 but the precise day this Declarant cannot now recollect but according to this Declarant’s present recollection he was confirmed as such prisoner as aforesaid in the said Provost and Sugar House for the term of five months in the whole.

That when this Declarant was exchanged as aforesaid he recollects that with this Declarant there were several others and among them some Continental soldiers. They were landed at Elizabeth Town Point in New Jersey—and this Declarant was obliged to walk on foot from there and crossed the Hudson River near TarryTown to Bedford in the said County of Westchester where this Declarant’s father then resided.

That this Declarant after his return as aforesaid continued to reside with his father at Bedford aforesaid and was enrolled as a private in a company of Militia in Bedford aforesaid then commanded by Captain Isaac Miller in Colonel Thomas Thomas’s Regiment of Militia in the said County of Westchester.

That on or about the fifteenth day of May in the year 1779 but the precise day of that month this Declarant cannot now recollect & this Declarant with his aforesaid Company were called out by their said Captain and did actual duty under arms in the said County of Westchester as a private in his said last mentioned Company as a Guard on the American Lines and on parties against the enemy whenever an occasion offered till the first day of November in the last mentioned year when this Declarant with his said Company were discharge verbally by their said Captain. And did actual duty under arms in the said County of Westchester as a private in his said last mentioned Company as a Guard on the American Lines and on parties against the enemy whenever an occasion offered till the first day of November in the last mentioned year.

When this Declarant with his said Company were discharged verbally by their said Captain.

That during the said last mentioned service of this Declarant in Captain Isaac Millers Company of Militia their principal duty was to act as patrolling parties and Guards along the American Lines in small parties and each man did duty every other night in rotation by order of their said Captain regularly during the said last mentioned time.

That it is impossible for this Declarant now to recollect or state every time and occasion and the length there of that he was in actual service under arms in said Isaac Miller's Company of Militia in said Last mentioned year but this Declarant is confident that he served as a private in actual military service under arms in said last mentioned Company during said last mentioned year in the whole for a space of three months and drew provisions during said service from the Continental stores.

That in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty this Declarant was residing at Bedford aforesaid and was enrolled as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Hezekiah Miller in the said last mentioned Regiment of Militia and was called out and did duty as a private in said last mentioned Company in said last mentioned year in the same manner as last above mentioned on different occasions which he cannot now particularly recollect for the reasons above stated except that during said last mentioned year this declarant with his said company were for the space of one month and upwards stationed at Robbins's Mills in the said County of Westchester with Sheldon's America Lighthorse.

That this declarant served as a Private in actual military service under arms in said last mentioned company during said last mentioned year from the Month of May to the Month of November in that year four months—

That during the years 1781 & 1782 This Declarant belonged, was enrolled, and did duty as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Moses St. John in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment of Militia in the said County of Westchester that during each of the said last mentioned years this Declarant was during the winter seasons called out occasionally and did actual Military Duty under arms as a private in said last mentioned Company for short periods of time as their services were required.—

But in the Summer Seasons of each of the said last mentioned years, this Declarant was out under arms and did actual duty under arms as a private in said last mentioned company constantly and regularly from the month of May to the month of November in each of said last mentioned years under command of their Captain as Guards on the American Lines and patrolling parties to protect the persons and property of the Inhabitants above and near the lines friendly to the American cause from the attacks and marauding parties of the British who had a large force at Morrisania in the lower part of said County of Westchester.

That this declarant cannot now particularly specify and state each occasion when & where this Declarant served as aforesaid but recollects and states...

That in the month of March 1781 This Declarant with his said Captain Moses St. John (and a part of his said company) were ordered and did convey and guard a number of British Prisoners from Bedford aforesaid to the American Prison at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and were in actual service under arms on that occasion for the space of Ten days.

That during the said last mentioned year this Declarent with his said Company were stationed and did duty as infantry under arms to Colonel Shelden's Regiment of horse in the Town of North Castle in said County for the space of six weeks. That

during each of the said last mentioned years this Declarant served as a private in his last mentioned Company in actual service under arms for the space of four months in each of said years.

That Declarant in answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and put to him by the Court states.—That he was born on the twenty fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty there at the Town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester that this declarant has a record of his age in his possession which he now produces in Court which he believes to be correct and by which it appears that he was born as he has above stated and is of the age above stated.

That this declarant was living in the Town of Harrison aforesaid when he was called into service in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight and was afterwards living in the Town of Bedford in the said County, when he entered the service at the several times above stated during the rest of the Revolutionary War.

That since the Revolutionary War that declarant has resided for the first eight years in Town of Harrison aforesaid. He then removed to the County of Delaware where he continued to live for the space of about thirty six years he then removed to the Town of Harrison aforesaid where he has ever since lived and now lives.

That this Declarant was never drafted into service nor was he ever a substitute nor did he ever volunteer except while he served in Captain Thomas Carpenter's Company of Militia as aforesaid and during the rest of this declarant's aforesaid services this Declarant was enrolled and did duty by the order of his Captain as he has above stated. That some of the regular officers who were with the Troops where this Declarant served were Colonel Sheldon, Colonel Meigs, Major Talmadge and Colonel Jamison.

That the Continental and Militia Regiments which this Declarant recollects were Colonel Sheldon's Regiment of horse, Colonel Meigs Regiment of Infantry and Colonel Jamison's Regiment of Infantry—Colonel Thomas's Regiment of Militia and Colonel Hammond's Regiment of Militia. That the general circumstances of this declarant's service are set forth in his preceding Declaration.

That this Declarant never received any written discharge from the service—but always verbal discharges—from the aforesaid officers under whom he served. That this declarant has not any written or documentary evidence of his said services, and the only living witnesses of his aforesaid services are Simeon Tyler of the Town of Harrison aforesaid, Samuel Miller of the Town of Mammaronck in the said County of Westchester and Thomas Lane of the Town of Greenwich in the State of Connecticut.

That the names of the persons to whom this Declarant is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution are Jeremiah Anderson and Simeon Tyler both residents of the Town of Harrison aforesaid. That there is not any clergyman residing in the neighborhood of this Declarant to give the aforesaid Certificate—As to this Declarant's character for veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

That this Declarant claims a pension under the act of Congress aforesaid for his aforesaid services as a private in the Militia during the Revolutionary War viz.

For his aforesaid four months actual service under arms in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight in Captain Thomas Carpenter's Company of Militia.

For his five months imprisonment by the British as an American Prisoner of War taken under arms in November 1778 as aforesaid in the Provost and Sugar House In the City of New York.

For his three months actual service under arms as aforesaid In the year 1779 in Captain Isaac Millers Company of Militia—

For his four months actual service under arms in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty in Captain Hezekiah Miller's Company of Militia.

For his four months actual service under arms in Captain Moses St. John's Company of Militia in the year 1781 as aforesaid.

And for his four months actual service under arms in the year 1782 in Captain Moses St. John's Company of Militia as aforesaid.

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 any State. (Signed) Elisha B. Maynard

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid. N. Bayles,  
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