

### **Pension Application for Ephraim Oakes**

S.14045

This is to Certify that I Ephraim Oakes of the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk and State of New York was born in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty three in said town and in the early part of the year 1775 I took a tour into Orange County in the Town of Goshen—after the Battle of Lexington there was a call for soldiers I then enlisted under command of General Schuyler about the first of June of the same year—the regiment I belonged to was commanded by James Clinton Col—the Major was Lewis Debois of Poughkeepsie—the Capt was Daniel Denton of the same place—my first enlistment was for the term of five months at the sum five dollars per month lawful money—a short time after my enlistment we was called to march to Albany from thence to Lake Champlain arrived at Fort S. Johns about the first part of September then General Schuyler was deprived of his health and the command then involved on General Montgomery—remained there untill the first part of November when the fort was surrendered.—from thence we marched on to Montreal—at that time my first enlistment was expired—then Capt Denton resigned and returned home—I then enlisted under Capt Robert Johnson of Rockland County in ClarksTown of the same Regiment—for the term of six months shortly after we was ordered on to Quebeck to join General Arnold to make an attack on that Garrison—In that engagement which was commenced on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of said year—we lost General Montgomery, Capt. McPharson and Capt. Cheeseman—we then was repulsed and drove back—The command then involved on General Arnold—our siege continued then till about the first of May 1776.—then my second enlistment expired—I then made a settlement with Capt. Johnson and was due me forty two dollars—but received no pay—from that I volunteered my services under the said Capt Johnson untill such time as I could receive my pay and discharge—On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May we was routed from our stand by the British forces—we then marched to Montreal again—The surviving part of Capt Johnson's Company was ordered home to recruit being very small—we from thence returned back to the place of my first enlistment—Capt. Johnson then went to New York to draw money to pay his company for their services but could draw none as the Ban was moved to Philadelphia.

We then again volunteered under the said Capt Johnson to remain under him till such time as we could get our pay and discharge—Capt Johnson in a short time after gave me a furlough and pass to come to New York or my native place if I see proper—The day that I entered New York the British Fleet arrived at Sandy Hook. (at that time General Washington's Army was stationed at New York and Long Island) I then came home to Huntington my native place—Shortly after I arrived home the British took possession of New York and Long Island—I then was reported to the British as a Continental Soldier and by them made a prisoner untill such time as I could get an exchange or discharge—neither have I seen Capt Johnson nor any of my fellow soldiers from that day to this—but can name a number of soldiers that was with me at the campaign.—Shepperd Johnson the said Captain's son, Serjaent-Webster, [Rufusseh?] Stephens, Thomas Ferguson, Samuel & Jacob Conklin.

And the said Ephraim Oakes doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state. (Signed) Ephraim Oakes

Letter in folder dated March 12, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Ephraim Oakes, of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York, born about 1754.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.14045, based upon service of Ephraim Oakes in the Revolutionary War.

Ephraim Oakes was born in 1753, in Huntington, Suffolk County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

In the early part of 1775, Ephraim Oakes went to Goshen, Orange County, New York and enlisted there about June 1, 1775, served five months as private in Captain Daniel Denton's company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment and was at the battle of Fort St. Johns; at the expiration of his service he enlisted served six months as private in Captain Robert Johnson's Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment, was in the Expedition to Canada and the battle of Quebec; after the expiration of that enlistment he remained in service in Captain Robert Johnson's company, returned home to Huntington and was taken prisoner by the British, length of his captivity now shown.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, at which time he was residing in Huntington, New York.

In 1832, one Joshua Oakes was aged seventy-five years and residing in Huntington, New York, no relationship shown.

No reference was made to wife or children, and no further family data shown. [A letter requesting information in 1940 says he had a son, George, born in 1780.]