

## **Pension Application for Abner Pease**

S.8948

The State of Ohio  
Portage County SS.

On this third day of March AD 1835, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Ohio, now sitting, the same being a Court of Record, having, by law, or Clerk, and seal, Abner Pease, a resident of Seward, in the County of Portage, and State of Ohio, aged seventy-three 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following officers, and served as herein [herein] stated.

I volunteered in 1777 under Captain John Schemerhorn at Lebanon in the State of New York served three months.

In 1778 I again volunteered [volunteered] for nine months under Captain William Harrison and served out my time –Col. Harper—

In 1779 I again volunteered for four months and served out my time at the expiration of each term of enlistment. I was dismissed, but never received any regular discharge, the first three months I served under Captains Schermerhorn and Van Rensalaer [Rensselaer] in the regiment commanded by Colonel Willet. In the second time I served in the Regiment commanded by Col. Harper. In the third tour was commanded by Major Chitenden. We marched from near Albany in the State of New York to Fort Edwards [Edward] and joined the Continental Army was at Fort Edwards about two months under Major Chitenden, and was their orderd [sic] to keep a Blockhouse at Palmerstown west of Stillwater—was there a little short of two months from this to Schenectady—from their [there] to Fort Hunter. From there to Fort Plaines [Plain] – from there to Fort Herkimer and from there to Fort Stanwix—The company to which I belonged believed the Continental Troops at this last fort, and were at this time commanded by Major Hughs, a Militi officer—We were in a skirmish with the Indians at Oriska on the Hudson river when going to Fort Stanwix.

In all I served sixteen months.

Question: When and in what year were you born.

Answer I was born in the town called [?] in Connecticut in the year 1762.

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer I have no record my father kept one from which I have kept my age.

Question Where were you living when called into the service of the United States where have you lived since and where do you now reside.

Answer I was living at the time I entered the service in New Lebanon in the State of New York. I have since lived in Connecticut two or three years and in Chester [Dandsshire?] County State of Massachusetts there in in a town of Worscester Oswego County and State of New York from their twenty four years ago to the Town of Aurora Portage County Ohio where I now live.

Question How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer I volunteered twice and enlisted once according to my declaration.

Question state the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. Continental and Militia Regiment as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I have been as particular as I can in my declaration.

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer I never received any discharge but at the expiration of my time I was told "Boys go home".

Question State the names of persons to whom you know in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services in the Revolution.

Answer Elijah and John H. Blackman who are present who can testify as to my character. I know of no living witness of my services in the war but the testimony of the before named witness of the date contained in my declaration. (Signed) Abner Pease

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. Kirkum, clerk

Letter in file dated February 21, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.8948 it appears that Abner Pease was born in 1762 in Homers, Connecticut. He was a resident of New Lebanon, New York during the Revolution.

He was allowed pension for the service of eight months as a private in the New York Troops, on his application executed March 3, 1835 while living in Aurora, Portage County, Ohio. He died June 26, 1838.

His children are referred to in 1838, their names and the name of his wife are not stated.