Pension Application for Elisha Reeve

S.17044 (Most of this file is too light to read.)
State of New York
Orange County SS.

      Elisha Reeve of Wallkill of the County of Orange and State aforesaid being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the same Elisha Reeve who made his declaration in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and state aforesaid In December last and who made an made his declaration in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid in December last and where he made an additional Affidavit before John Penny Esquire consented to send declaration of which we said to be on file in the Pension Office in the City of Washington—

      And this deponent with that by reason of old age and loss of memory he cannot swear positively to all the different terms of his Revolutionary Service but from his best recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and—in the following grades.

      That he belonged to Col. William Ellison's Regiment only which in said [?] Revolutionary [???] that in the forepart of the year 1776 as he thinks the whole Regiment was ordered out to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River in said County, another [?] went as a private in Captain Thompsons Company and served three or four weeks helping built said fort which was not then completed, there a part of the Regiment was discharged and went home and this deponent was dismissed.

      And that was a very short time he served till the month but the reason he was again called out with a detachment from said Regiment in
Captain James [Corap?] this deponent was then appointed Sergeant and went to Haverstraw and stayed two weeks and then returned home and stayed a very short time, and the same reason he was again called out and went to fort Montgomery as Sergeant and went and served two weeks Y returned home David Sweeny was then appointed Captain and this deponent was the same reasons called to Dewitts Fort on the Frontier In Captain Sweeny's Company and served two weeks as Sergeant and that soon after the same year he was drafted for a month and served the time as Sergeant in Captain Sweezy's Company, Col. William Ellingers Regiment the rest of the time at Tappan on the Hudson River and that in the next season 1777 he served six months at Dewitts Fort and in the neighbourhood on the frontiers against the Indians Major Thomas DeWitt Commanded at the fort. David Sweeney was Captain but did not stay all the time, and he says that the following reasons he was called out several times but cannot distinctly state how long he served nor all the different places, but that in 1779 as he thinks he thinks Captain Sweezy command and to remember company in the Col Ellisons Regiment were classed and took turns and served two weeks each at times and this deponent served his term in the class for two seasons & until the army each season went into winter quarters.

      He thinks eight or nine months each season he served his time the last of the time he says he served for or five months as quarter master but says he held the rank of sergeant during the whole Revolutionary war after he left this deponent says that he

served a great many more short times than he has specified but cannot state the precise periods he says that in his different terms he served more than two years as Sergeant four or five months as a quarter master some little time as a private.

And this deponent says as he has before—stated that that he was under Arms during the whole Revolutionary War and that some part of Col. Ellisons Regiment was all the time in service during the whole Revolutionary War, Col. Ellison was taken prisoner by the British at Fort Montgomery and after that Lieut Col. Benjamin Tarvis commanded until he was killed at the Minisink Battle by the following near the close of the war, but the Regiment was called Ellisons Regiment during the whole war.

[From here on, the ink is too light to read.]   (Signed with his mark)   Elisha Reeve

Subscribed and sworn the 26th day of August 1833 before me.   John Penny, Justice of the Peace.