

Pension Application for Elisha Turner

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State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this third day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open Court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess and State of New York now sitting Elisha Turner a resident of the Town of Pawling in the county of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 that he was born in the county of Westchester in the State of New York the Town he has now forgotten on the eighth day of October in the year 1756, that he has a record of his age now in his possession, that a few years after he was born his Father and family including himself removed to the Town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess aforesaid and he has lived there ever since a period of about sixty five to seventy years, that in the fall of 1776 he precise day and month he can not state he was drafted & entered for three months in Captain Joel Meads Company Lieut Porter Seargeants [Sergeants] Fisher and Brewster in Colonel Ludingtons Regiment of New York State Troops, that he joined his company at Col. Ludingtons and marched down to White Plains & there joined his Regiment and the Army that he was present at the battle of White Plains and afterwards returned with the army up the river that he remained In his regiment & company until his term of three months expired when he received a verbal discharge from his Colonel & Captain & returned home that in the spring or forepart of the summer of the year 1777 the brittish [British] being expected up the River he was drafted for three months in Captain Joel Meads Company & Colonel Ludingtons Regiment aforesaid and marched down in the highlands and in the neighborhood of Peekskill and done duly as a soldier until his term of service when he received as he believes a verbal discharge and returned home that in the same year and and [sic] a short time after his discharge he was again drafted in Captain Joel Meads Company and Colonel Ludingtons Regiment for three months and marched to Peekskill and was present at Gallows Hill at the time one Palmer was hung as a spy, that he was under Putnam when the British came up the River and Fort Montgomery was taken.

That he then marched up in the Highlands and after his term of service expired beings 3 months he was verbally discharged and returned home. That during the periods above mentioned he was engaged in no civil pursuit or occupation, that when he was discharged soon after the taking of Fort Montgomery, Captain Mead's company was organized as a ranging or Minute Company for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants from the incursions of the Robbers & Cowboys from New York, that he joined said Company as a ranger and continued to do duty as such where required for a period of two and a half or three years that he was not actually under arms all the

while nor was it required but that at least one year in detached portions of times of days & weeks from the taking of Fort Montgomery until the evacuation of New York by the British he was actually under arms doing duty as a soldier in traversing the mountains, protecting the inhabitants & in intercepting & pursuing the CowBoys who were endeavoring to take the horses & other property they had robbed or stolen from the inhabitants to the City of New York that after the British left New York he was discharged and believes verily and returned home & he further says that he believes in all cases he was verbally discharge by his Captain, that he has no documentary evidence of his service as a soldier of the Revolution but that he served in the same Company and Regiment a portion of his time with Stephen Turner whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

That he is known in his present Neighborhood to Samuel Allen, Benoni Pearce & Joseph White three of the Justices of the Peace of the Town of Pawlings and to John Reynolds & Nathaniel Robinson residing in his Neighborhood both being clergyman [clergymen] who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 with his mark) Elisha Turner

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court this 4 day of February 1834. Henry Traver, Clerk.