

Pension Application for Abijah Tuttle

R.10774

State of New York

Onondaga County SS

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the court of Chancery of the State of New York sitting at Onondaga, Abijah Tuttle a resident of the town of Camillus County of Onondaga & State of New York aged seventy three years on the eleventh day of February but who bring first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the forepart of June 1776 his captains name was Ephraim Woodworth & the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign are not now recollected Colonel Dickinson commanded the Regiment from which he was drafted but there was no officer above the rank of Captain at the place where this deponent served for the most part of the time that he served during this draft.

Major McKinstry commanded a short time; this deponent then resided where he entered the service of the United States at the town of Stillwater in the County of Saratoga & State of New York. This deponent joined his company at fort Edward in the State of New York & was then stationed to keep garrison & served for the time of four months & was discharged but no discharge was given except a verbal discharge from the Captain of the whole company on the day their term of service expired there was no battles fought near that place during this time.

This deponent afterwards & about the first of January 1777 enlisted in the service of the United States under Captain John Varney & Colonel Harmanus Schuyler there was no Lieutenant or Ensign. The company was raised for ten months service & arms furnished & stores & the company were ordered to work building & to the barracks near the residence of General Schuyler in Saratoga in the State of New York & near the Hudson river & continued at work at the barracks till the latter part of April & the company were then ordered to [?] boating provisions & baggage from Stillwater to Saratoga, Village a above the barracks and landing them at McNeal Landing & continue at that work till the American army retreated before General Burgoyne & the company were thus engaged in removing the baggage of the army of general Arnold & General Schuyler & this deponent & the whole of Captain Varney's Company was engaged with the boats till the battles were fought between the American troops & General Burgoyne & at the second engagement between Burgoyne & the American Troops this deponent & the company under Captain Varney were on their passage down the Hudson River going to Albany with property for the government & this deponent did not see the engagements, the boats were left at Albany & the company marched back & about the first of November the company was discharged their term of service being expired for which they enlisted. There was no written discharges given.

This deponent returned to Saratoga before the surrender of General Burgoyne & was on a scouting party at the time of the surrender & returned to camp shortly after the surrender was made.

This deponent continued with Captain Varney's Company till the first of November 1777 & was discharged at Albany by Captain Varney our time of inlistment [enlistment] having expired & returned home to the town of New Canaan in the State of New York my parents had removed from Stillwater on the approach of Burgoyne's army to New Canaan.

This deponent again entered the army of the United States in the month of September 1778 & this deponent cannot now give the names of his officers he was with them but three months & they were strangers to this deponent when he joined his company & this deponent did not see them again after he was discharged. This deponent served with his company at this time for three months & joined his company in Richmond as a substitute for one David Williams who had been drafted by class. We marched from Richmond to Great Barrington & from there to [Clonn?] in the County of Columbia & from there to Albany where the company were stationed till this deponent was discharged the company were ordered to Fort George but the orders were countermanded at Albany & the Company kept Garrison there till discharged there was no written discharge given to the company at that time this deponent during this three months was orderly serjeant. This deponent thinks his captains name was Williams but this deponent has become old & infirm & memory broken & cannot recollect names as well as he can the services which he performed & the places he marched through.

This deponent again entered the army under Captain Ephraim Woodworth as a volunteer in the month of July 1781. There was no Lieutenant or Ensign that went they stayed at home [???] under Major McKinstry at Fort Edward. This deponent joined the company at Stillwater & marched to fort Edward & was there over two months keeping garrison & was discharged but no written discharge was given.

This deponent was out on allarms [alarms] at different times during four seasons while not permanently engaged in the army amounting in all to more than three months in each year.

This deponent cannot give the different times but in part. This deponent was a Balstown [Ballston] under Captain Woodworth aforesaid & Major Mitchell on alarm at the time the Indians & Tories burned Balstown in the State of New York was out there about two weeks & returned home.

This deponent was in scouting parties that kept him from home more than one half the time during the summer season when not engaged prominently in the army. L Still water being on the frontier the inhabitants were much harassed & the soldiers [?] to bear arms were called out for a few weeks & a few days at a time & this deponent thinks that he spent over one year in the service over and above the several times above mentioned where he has given the length of time he entered the service for & served as above stated. He was out under Captain Woodworth sometimes under Lieutenant Rogers sometimes under Ensign Wright & Sergeant Hysted & sometimes in

a party commanded by myself as a Serjeant. We were out in such for Indians & Tories that annoyed the frontiers & had several skirmishes with them in the woods.

This deponent was born in Cortland Manor in the town of Salena in the State of New York the 11th day of February 1759 as he has been informed and believes to be true. This deponent has seen the record of his birth in a family bible owned by his father when this deponent was quite small but who had the bible after the death of this deponents who had the bible after the death of this deponent's father this deponent does not know.

This deponent moved from Stillwater after the close of the war to Whitestown in Oneida County & resided there till four years ago last spring he moved to the town of Camilus County of Onondaga where he has since resided & now resides.

This deponent has no documentary evidence & knows of no person living that can testify as to his services.

This deponent gives the following names of persons who resided in the neighborhood near this deponent in Whitestown aforesaid & can testify as to this deponents character & their belief of this deponents services as a soldier of the Revolution Honorable Truman Enos Judge of the Court of Oneida Co., Reverend James Ells of Hampton Village. Joh townsend Silas Carpenter, John Munn & Leffert Fox Esqr & in Camillus aforesaid Doctor David S. Jones, David P Winton Esquire William Reed Esquire David Monro Esquire Doctor Isaac Mangoon, Elder Nathan Hopkins.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Abijah Tuttle

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor.