

### **Pension Application for Aaron Ward**

S.14800

DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS,  
PASSED JUNE 7, 1832.

STATE OF NEW-YORK,  
COUNTY OF HERKIMER, SS

On this eleventh day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of common Pleas now sitting, Aaron Ward a resident of Warren in the county of Herkimer and State of New-York, aged 83 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 7, 1832.

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

That he entered the service of the United States in the Summer or fall of the year 1775, that he belonged to the company of militia commanded by Capt Christopher Tillman in the Regiment commanded by Col. Stephen Schuyler. That at this time he resided at the Town of Lansingburgh then in the County of Albany in the State of New York. That Abraham Ten Eyck was then Lieutenant, and John Clark was Ensign of said Company, that one Bancker was major of said Regiment. That according to deponent's best recollection the said Capt Tillman continued to command the said company nearly or quite to the close of the war. That this deponent remained as a member of his company and was a sergeant in said company nearly all the time during his the said Tillman's command of the said Company.

That the said Stephen Schuyler according to this deponents best recollection, and Henry van Rensselaer who was the Lieutenant Colonel of the said Regiment, continued to be in command in the said Regiment nearly or quite to the close of the war.

That this applicant was called out in actual service more or less every year until the Revolutionary War came to a close. That owing to decay of memory arising from his great age he cannot distinctly recollect the amount of service rendered in each year during the said war, but he can and does state that he was actually engaged in at least twenty different tours of services all of which he served out with fidelity and zeal.

That his first service in said company was at Saratoga when the Troops were under the command of Gen. Philip Schuyler, where he believes he was kept in service a month or so that he was in service shortly thereafter at Fort Edward for a month or the [?] of a month. That he was also in service at Fort Ann at two several times for the period of at least two months or more.

That at three other times at the least he was service at Fort Edward for the period of at least three months or more during the said three periods of service at that place. That he was also in service at three different times at Saratoga besides the one above mentioned in which this applicant was employed at least a month each time.

That he was also out on three tours of duty, on the Manor of Rensselaer and the adjutant Country in pursuit of Indians and Tories, and that each of said tours lasted about three weeks.

And further this applicant states and declares that about the year 1777, and near the time of the Surrender of Burgoyne the company of which this applicant was the Sergeant and he was with them was marched to Schenectady to assist in the defence of that place where they were stationed about a month.

That afterwards they were marched to Fort Hunter on the Mohawk River at two several times, at which times together they were kept in service about six weeks, as this deponent believes.

That he also performed services in the same company at Caughnawaga twice, Stone Arabia and Johnstown, when Sir John Johnson was disarmed—that he believes he was in service at the several places last mentioned at the least for the period of three months.

That owing to loss of memory by reason of old age he cannot specify all the services, or tours of duty which he performed. That he has a general recollection of others and further services than those above specified.

That he always voluntarily marched when called into service from the commencement to the close of the war he was engaged for a longer or shorter period—and in the whole this deponent believes that he was engaged in actual service for a period nearly approaching to two years—about a year and a half or a little over.

That the company to which he belonged was employed at the several periods before stated in defending the frontiers against the enemy.

That at the time of his first entering the service and during the war he resided in Lansingburgh aforesaid. That he was engaged in no regular battle, but in skirmishes with the tories. That he marched through Saratoga, Fort Edward, Fort Ann, Johnstown, Stone Arabia, Fort Hunter—that he was acquainted with Col. Van Schaick of the Regular Troops—that he has no documentary evidence, and received no discharge in writing.

1. That he was born in the Town of Newark, County of Essex, and State of New Jersey in the year 1749.
2. That he has a record of his age in his family bible at his house in Warren aforesaid.
3. That when called into service he lived at Lansingburgh, now County of Rensselaer in the State of New York; and that since the Revolutionary war he resided at Lansingsburgh aforesaid until about forty one years ago, when he removed into the Town of warren County of Herkimer and State of New York when he has ever since resided, and now resides.
4. That he was frequently a volunteer and always went into service when called upon.
5. That he never served with any Continental troops, and knew the names of no Regular officers who ever since with them except that of Col. Van Schaick, who once visited them at Fort Hunter, Lieutenant hi Regiment. That he knew Col.

Schuyler, Col. Van Rensselaer, Col. Schermerhorn and Col. Beekman's militia Regiments and he after knew Col. Van Schaick's Regiment of Continental troops.

6. That he never received any written discharge but was dismissed at the end of each tour of service.
7. And he states the names of Eleazer Peak of German Flats and Thomas Belsham of Warren as persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes his every claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.  
(Signed) Aaron Ward

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Julius C. Nelson, Clerk