

Pension Application for Ezra Allen

W.27628 (Catharine Hunt, Former Widow)

[I tried to sort out the dates of marriage and death, but couldn't.]

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Com'n Pleas and General Sessions of the peace in & for the County of Otsego State of New York now sitting Ezra Allen a resident of the Town of Unadilla in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged about seventy four 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted into the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated viz. That he enlisted in the Town of Woodstock in Connecticut in the spring of the year 1777 for the Term of nine months in Colonel Durkey's Regiment and went off with said Regt to the Highlands on Hudsons river near West Point—thence to Chestnut hill near Philadelphia. That he was in the Battle there and was also, in the battle at Wood Fort and at Red Bank and was discharged at Valley Forge in December following—

That he enlisted again in the Town of Munson in Massachusetts he thinks in the month of April 1778 for eight months in Colo Woods Regiment of the Massachusetts Troops—that he went with said Regt to White Plains in the State of New York and was with the main army untill fall when they went to the Highlands near West Point and built huts or Barracks to winter in and that he was discharged there after serving out said term and return'd home without money—shoes and almost without any Clothing .

That in the fall of the year 1780 he again enlisted at Patragefield in the State of Massachusetts for the Term of three years and was mustered at Springfield in the 7th Massachusetts Regiment Commanded by Colo Jackson. Don't recollect the Captains name but does well recollect that the Ensign's name was James Sawyer—that he went with said Regiment and join'd the Army at New Winsor [Windsor] near West Point and went into Winter quarters there—that in assisting to raise a Frame for a meeting house at New Winsor that he fell from the Frame & hurt himself which rendered him unfit for duty & he lay in the Hospital some time—

That in the Summer following he thinks in the month of July he was Transferred to the 4th Massachusetts Regiment and was Stationed at West Point and served in the capacity of Sergeant and had a Sergeant's Warrant—that in the fall of that year he was some time in the Hospital and was discharged from thence by a Board of War he thinks in November 1781—that he kept his said Discharge and his Warrant for 2 or 3 years when they were destroyed by his Children.

That he has now no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure to prove his said services except that sent to the Pension Office from Massachusetts some 3 or 4 years which did not then Succeed for

want of the names of the Officers with whom he served which he could not then and does not now recollect—that he was frequently shifted from different companies and different services—that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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) Ezra Allen

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. Horace Lathrop,
Clerk