

Pension Application for Heman Chapman

S.16076

State of Ohio

Washington County SS.

On this 25th day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting Heman Chapman a resident of Barlow in said county of Washington aged sixty 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.

1st he served in the militia as a substitute for a class of Militia (1) in a place called New Concord in the State of New York, went to Albany from thence to Fort Edward from thence to Palmerstown occupied a blockhouse at Palmertown the remainder of the term of three months went to Schenectady and was there discharged he returned home to his father then living in New Concord he cannot recollect any of the officers in this service.

2^d He served as a substitute a second time for another class of company of militia there being another draught for the term of nine months went to Albany and there enlisted for the term of two years in a regiment of New York State troops (2) that had served one year of their term of three years went to Schoharie from there to Fort Plain Johnstown Fort Herkimer. They went with a Regiment of Rhode Island Troops from Fort Herkimer to Old Oswego in order to take the Fort but did not succeed.

The names of the officers in this service were in the militia. Captain Tierce (3) and Lieutenant Calander. (4) In the State Troops Colonel Willet, Captain Cannon, Lieut. Cole (5), Adjutant Funday. (6) He has no documentary evidence of service having left his discharge at his father's in New Concord shortly after the war. He knows of no person that is knowing to his service.

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) Heman Chapman

Witness D.H. Buell.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Attest. Geo. Dunlevy Clerk.

In a later deposition, here is a summary of what he said.

Heman Chapman applied on 9th February 1848, 12 years later than the first deposition at age Eighty three "last August". He states he was born in the State of Connecticut in the year 1764 and served in the Continental service; his home was in New Concord New York. His first term was three months and afterwards he "engaged to serve nine months as a substitute and went to Albany" under Capt. James Cannon. He received a land bounty which he sold before he left Albany and he served his enlistment until the close of the war. For the past thirty nine years past, he has been a resident of Washington County, that he never could read or write, he says that when he was in the Revolutionary service that he was sometimes called Herman Chapman which name he answered to, but calls his name Heman Chapman and that he never knew any other Chapman in the service by the name of Chapman except his brother Amos Chapman. (7)

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1. A company and or regiment were divided into classes so that when a draft was called for men to serve as levies, each class had to supply a man or pay a man to serve. If they did not furnish a man the man who was the head of the class either paid for someone to serve or he did.
Heman is listed as enlisting on July 27, 1780 in Captain Elijah Bostwick's company as a private in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, series M-246, Roll 72, Folder 75, National Archives, Washington D.C.
Heman served in Colonel William B. Whiting's Seventeenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. He had served under Captain Ebenezer Cady (Third Company) and Captain John Davis (Fifth Company).
2. The following is extracted from the Descriptive Book No. 4, Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment Doc. No. 11105, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, N.Y.
Born in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn. enlisted by Captain James Cannon for 3 years on December 17, 1781. Residence—New Concord, Albany County, New York. Age—17. Size 5 ft 8 in. Complexion—Dark. Hair—Brown. Eyes—Blue. Occupation—Labourer.
On Captain Cannon's Muster Roll—Pay Roll for 1783, Heman is listed as Henry. Under the casualties column he is listed "from desertion 6 February".
He is also shown as being paid £18..0..60 and was owed £53..0..30. Total service for 1783 was 10 months and 24 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

3. Peter B. Tierce (Tearse, Tearce) commissioned First Lieutenant on November 21, 1776 in the First New York Continental Regiment. He resigned on April 23, 1781. Served as Brigade Major of the Albany County Militia in 1781 for Brigadier General Peter Gansevoort's Brigade (First Brigade). He served as a captain in Colonel Willett's Regiment in 1782 and 1783.
4. John Calender (Kalender, etc.) served as a Second Lieutenant in Captain John Salisbury's Company in the Seventeenth Albany. In 1780, he was a lieutenant in Captain Bostwick's Company in Colonel Graham's Regiment of Levies.
5. Lieutenant Gideon Cowles of Captain Cannon's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment.
6. Adjutant and Lieutenant Jellis A Fonda of Colonel Willett's Regiment. Fonda was appointed Captain in the regiment in November of 1782.
7. Amos served as a private in Captain Salisbury's Company in the Seventeenth Regiment as a corporal in Captain Bostwick's Company in Colonel Graham's Regiment of 1780 and in 1781 as a private in Captain Aaron Hale's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment.