

Pension Application for Asa Fleming

W.24207 (Widow: Catharine) Asa died December 27, 1832.

Declaration. Revolutionary claim, under an Act of Congress, Passed June 7th, A.D. 1832.

State of Vermont,

District of George, SS.

Franklin County Probate Court, August 8th A.D. 1832.

Personally appeared in open Court, being the Probate Court for the County of Franklin, and a Court of Record for said County, and State of Vermont, as will appear by the first section of a Statute Law of said State, entitled "An act, constituting Probate Courts, Courts of Record,"—passed November 15th A.D. 1821 [see 1st section of said act.]

Asa Fleming aged 74 years, resident in Highgate in said County, 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, A.D. 1832.

He entered the service of the United States by volunteering at West Stockbridge State of Massachusetts in the month of September or October (he thinks) in the year 1779 does recollect the name of his officers, march[ed] in company with William Wood, Elisa Woodruff Sergeant [Sergeant] & Shubel Woodruff—from West Stockbridge to Great Barrington, there staid a few days and from thence Hudson N. York from thence to Kinderhook, Greenbush & Albany there stationed till November or December and then dismissed.

In the month of April or first of May 1780 he enlisted for nine months at West Stockbridge, marched from thence to Livingston's Manor [Manor], State of N. York there mustered under Col. Livingston, from thence sent to Albany and from thence to Johnstown, there joined Capt. Frowman's Company (he thinks) the Regt was com'd by Col. Herkimer, the Adjutant name was Batemen, stationed at Johnstown about five months from thence with Regt to Fort Stanwich [Stanwix] there stationed three months. While at the Fort aforesaid, he states that an Indian came in with a six # ball and informed the Col. that the British & Indians were coming down the Mohawk to kill burn and destroy everything before them; the Regt was immediately ordered to paraded [sic] and sixty two men was selected to reconnoiter the enemy's camp, and if possible to destroy their boats or canoes, his Capt was among the number selected, they march'd from the Fort with orders to return within three days did not return, and on the fourth day one Joel Ketcham & two Indians was sent in search of the company of 62 ops'd (he thinks) on the same day they were sent out, they returned with two of the party by the name [of] Orchard two brothers who informed the Col. that they presumed they were the only ones that had escaped, the whole of the party were taken prisoners; the Applicant states that such was the fact having since seen his Capt. Who informed him of the capture which was in accordance with the amount given by the two brothers af'd—Left Fort Stanwich a little before this time was out, and came down to Schenectady and there dismiss'd in the month of January 1781.

That again at West Stockbridge (he thinks in the month of April 1781) under Capt. Rosinburgh or Rosinbury, Col Willet, Regt Adt Frowman, does not recollect the names of any more of his officers, mustered at Spencertown N. York under the command of Col. VanNess march'd to Albany stayed there three or 4 days and from thence to Fort Plank on the Mohawk River (he thinks) about six miles from Stone Robby or Stone Arabia, there stationed nine months or until his time was out. While at the Fort or during the time he was stationed there he was in a skirmish at Johnstown, in this engagement the Americans were at first unsuccessful, the advance guard give-way without a just cause, which put to flight the whole party engaged, which resulted in the loss of one six # Field piece, but retaken the same day.

After his time of service expired he moved down to Schenectady and there dismissed, did not receive any written discharge at the close of either of his campaigns—(he thinks) he was discharged in the month of Jany 1782.

He has no documentary evidence whatever or knows of no person except the person named in the annexed affidavit who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Asa Flemming.

And the Court do hereby declare their opinion, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states. William Bridges, Judge.