

Pension Application for Abel Ford

S.10688

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 13th day of August 1832, personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Court of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Abel Ford a resident of the town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 87 years the 27 August Ins [Instant, meaning the current month], 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.

He resided at the commencement of the Revolutionary War in the town of Canaan in the County of Columbia in the State of New York and continued to reside there except when he as in the said service until the close of the said war.

He served in the Army of the United States as a volunteer during the said war at different periods at least seven months but it is almost impossible for him to tell the particular years he served in, and all the officers names he served under.

He however recollects that in the year 1776 (as he believes) he was in the said service one month in Capt. Benjamin's company and went in said Company to Fort Edward in New York and from there was marched to Johnstown in the said State, where he was dismissed, thinks it was in the fall of the year.

In the year that Burgoyne was taken in the month of July he was again in the said service and was under the command of Lt. Munsel and went to the north at Fort Edward and about then part of the country and was gone at this time at least one month.

In the fall of 1777 he was again called out and went to the North at Bemis Heights, his officers names at tis time was Lieut. Castle and Major Douglass. He was at the action or engagement of Tuesday at Bemis Heights, and staid there within two or three days before Burgoyne surrendered when he was dismissed and he returned home. He was gone from home and was out in the service at this time at least one months.

He went at another time to Bemis Heights under Colo. Waterman, but cannot tell the year, and was in the service about one month or more.

At another time he was in the said service and belonged to Capt. Davis Company and went to Cherry Valley in the State of New York, and kept guard, more than on month, but cannot tell the year. A Capt. Warner was there at the same time. He belonged to Capt. James Phelps company for the term of two months and was in the said service and engaged during that time in pursuing tories and kept guard at a place between Kinderhook and Albany but does not recollect the name of the place, nor the year in which he performed this service.

At one time he was sent to Kinderhook to keep guard and belonged (he thinks) to Capt. Benjamin's company and staid two weeks or more—

He was frequently called out into the said service and was gone two or three days and often a week or more, during the whole of the War. Old age and disease has very much impaired his recollection so that he cannot particularize every time and place when he was in the service. But he well knows that he was in actual service in the defence of his country as a private soldier in the militia in an Embodied Corps for more than seven months and he did the duty of a Sergeant when he was in the said what portion of the time.

He never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service except Samuel Jenkins. He resides 28 miles from the City of Albany where the Courts of Record for the County of Albany are held and is very infirm and wholly unable to go that distance to attend the court.

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 or any state. He is unable to write his name on account of loss of eye sight and being diseased. (Signed with his mark) Abel Ford.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me J.V.B Moor Judge of Albany county Court.