

Pension Application for Elisha L. Pelham

S.14112

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this eighth day of September in the year 1832, personally appeared before me, Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Orange aforesaid Elisha L. Pellham of the Town of Cornwall in the County aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States as a music man in the company commanded by Captain Richard Sackett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Graham of General James Clinton's Brigade in the line of the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight and served therein one year it being the term for which he enlisted as aforesaid. The Lieutenants name was Bocca one of the Sergeants was named Nichols and one of the Corporals was named [blot]. These were all the officers of said company which deponent can now recollect. The drum Majors name was Jack Stewart, the fife Majors was John Jewett.

I enlisted at Bedford in WestChester County where I resided at that time, with Captain Sackett. From Bedford we went in small parties to White Plains which was the rendezvous of our Company. We lay for sometime near the Court House at that place & from there moved about four miles up the river and we lay at the place last mentioned the name of which deponent cannot now recollect. Colonel Malcolm's Regiment lay at the same place at the same time. From thence we marched to Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie] crossed the river & proceeded to Old Paltz in Ulster County at that place we were regularly discharged. I received an honorable discharge in writing which is not lost on my return I gave my blanket to Bunsom the owner of the ferry opposite to Pokeepsie to pay to my ferriage.

In the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eight or eighty one entered a company in the regiment of Colonel Lewis Dubois as a substitute under the circumstances. Captain Knaps Company of Militia of the County of WestChester was bound to raise a Quota of men to supply vacancies in the regular service for the term of three months I went as one. The rendezvous was at West Point but deponent has wholly forgot the name of the Captain & every officer of the Company in which we served. But he well recollects that Dubois was Colonel of the Regiment one Hugh Connelly was adjutant, Doctor Osborne who afterwards lived and died at Fishkill in the county of Dutchess and state of New York was Surgeon of the Regiment.

We went to Albany by water and encamped on the heights we remained at Albany two or three weeks and then marched to Schenectady. We staid a week or two at that place and then marched up the Mohawk River to Cannojoharrie [Canajoharie] at the time we lay here our term of service expired Colonel Dubois drew us up in a

hollow square and addressed the Regiment & prevailed on those whose times had expired to stay two or three weeks longer. We did stay accordingly.

Whilst we lay at Canojohary the Indians had a fight with some of our troops at a place called Stone Roby and killed a great many of our people a Colonel Harper had the command of the friends by Indians whilst we lay at this place after serving about four months. We were discharged but he received no written discharge and deponent also saith that he served as a fifer in each of the tours of duty before related.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

And deponent also saith that by reason of sickness and bodily infirmities with which he has been for a long time afflicted it will be altogether out of his power to attend.

The next Court of Common Pleas or any other Court of Record to be held in and for the Country aforesaid and deponent also saith that previous to the time of his first enlistment as aforesaid he allways [always] was known by the name of Elisha Pellham & afterwards at the request of his mother whose maiden name was Lester he assumed the name of Elisha L. Pellham.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) E. L. Pelham

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Gilbert Odgen Fowler, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.