

### **Pension Application for Asahel Root**

W.16390 (Widow: Sally) Married February 1777. Asahel died September 9, 1835.

Ashel Root was married Feb 28, 1777

Joel Root was born April 7, 1778

Lureney Root was born April 11, 1780 Married James Devon

John Root was born Dec 18, 1781

Elizabeth Root was Born August 31, 1783

Asa Root was Born Jany 17, 1785

Lucy Root was born Sept 5, 1786

Eunice Root was Born April 16, 1789

Sarah Root was Born April 22, 1791

Amy Root was Born Jany 18, 1793--Died August 27, 1810

Israel Root was Born May 22, 1795

Joseph Root Dide [died] March 17, 1795 in his 79 yr.

Lucy Root died Jany 31, 1797 in the 86 yr of her age Grandfather and mother of the above children of Asabel Root.

John Root and Roceynthia Root were baptized February 10, 1811.

Frederick S. Root born August 16, 1822.

John Mortimer born April 21, 1824.

(Signed) John Root

Hiram Shipman Justice Peace.

State of New York

Washington County SS

On this fifteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me John Moss a Judge of Washington County Courts Isabel Root a resident of the town of Fort Ann in the County of Washington and State of New York aged eighty years on the sixteenth day of August Instant who being 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That I resided on the first day of August in the year 1775 in the town of Kinderhook County of Rensselear and State of New York at that time and place I enlisted in the State Troops of Massachusetts line for five months and went into the service under the command of Capt Seth Stebbine, Lieut John Chaddock and I with about twelve went to Tidingham and from there we were joined by six men and marched to the town of Cambridge in Massachusetts from there we went to Prospect Hill where we joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Jonathan Brewer and we were stationed on Prospect Hill and guarded and were employed part of the time in making a breast or entrance hereunto across Round hill and part of the time we were building barracks on Prospect hill.

Gen Washington's rifle men were stationed not far from us but I do not recollect the names of these officers I served and did my duty as a private soldier five months when I was dismissed which was the first day of January 1776 and I returned home to Kinderhook aforesaid where I resided till sometime the latter part of June in the year 1776 when there was a call by the State Government for a draft of the Militia for five months the Regiment of Militia were called together and one man were required from nine we then classes ourselves in classes of nine and I volunteered for one class and went into the service in the New York Militia for five months under the command of Lieut. David Handford commandment on the first day of July 1776 we went to the Kinderhook [Landen?] on the North river and there we entered aboard of a sloop and sailed to the highlands, and landed at a place as near as I can recollect called Fort Independence where we were stationed that Major VanRensselaer commanded the troops there we remained there as a Guard about two months when we left them for New York but while on the way in a Sloop we were informed that the British had taken New York and we landed at Kingsbridge from thence we marched East about half a mile where we were stationed as a guard and Brig Gen. Scotts commanded the Troops there we remained there untill the British Ship's men of war sailed up the North River when we were ordered to march and did march to the White Plains where were stationed on a hill east of the Court House and we were here [?] landfall by the British at the foot of the hill we made an entrenchment and fell trees and sharpened them out ends of the tops with limbs for the purpose of retarding the progress of the enemy who were then in sight and within two or three days the British moved up towards our entrenchments aforesaid when Gen Washington in Company with Gen Lee and Gen Green ordered us to march down the hill and as we sent down the hill the British fired upon us with their Artillery and our troops returned upon them in the same manner they came into an entrenchment at the foot of the hill and we by order retreated back on to the hill and British burnt the Court house and two dwelling houses that night and then returned and went off and soon after we marched to Peekskill and were stationed untill the term [term] of my engagement expired which was the first day of December at this time Col. Drake commanded the Regiment and we were during the the [sic] whole of this term under the command of Brig Gen Scott we had no captains command until after about three months and not much with us then and I cannot recollect his name I was dismissed and had severed and done my duty or a private soldier five months and I returned to Kinderhook where I resided untill or about the first day of July in the year of 1777 when I went into the service was a substitute for John Southerland under the command of Capt Truesdale, I was a Sergeant in the company and first marched to Albany where we were supplied with Ammunition—we then marched up the North river to Fort Edward we were also under the Command of Gen Schuyler where we were employed [employed] in guarding the tours which was engaged to bring our stores from Lake George to Fort Edward at one time two of our tours were out off by the enemy in consequence of not abandoning their orders and Gen [?] but Militia up to the half way [?] and they returned the next day at another time I was sent with some cattle to Tony's Mills toward Fort Ann, Gen. Schuyler

dismiss[ed] one half of the militia and I was dismissed and had served half of the militia and I was dismissed and had served as a sergeant in the company.

At this time twenty day[s] and I returned home to Kinderhook where I resided untill about and in the month of December in the year 1778 I volunteered—and went into the service under the command of Capt. Truesdale and I was a Sergeant and served as such in the company and first marched to Albany which were supplied with Ammunition we then marched to old Schoharie where we were stationed under the command of Col. Waterman as a guard while there I was requested and did go about sixteen miles westerly course as an Indian [?] when I arrived to the place they had left for Canada the day before I saw the remains of the building they burned once I returned to camp our riflemen in their scouts had to have one man who was a tory I was sent to Albany with him where I was dismissed I served and did my duty as a sergeant in the company twenty one days and I returned to Kinderhook aforesaid soon after moved into the town of Schodack where I resided when in or about the month of October in the year of 1779.

I again volunteered into the service under the command of Capt. Wooddrought we first marched to Albany where we were supplied with ammunition we then marched to Half Moon now [?] from thence we marched to Schenectada—[Schenectady was first spelled his way] where we were stationed as a guard untill I was dismissed and I served during this time and did my duty as a private soldier twenty days when I returned home to Schohack where I resided about nine years then I moved to West Britton and resided there one year I then moved to the town of Fort Ann where I now reside and have resided ever since.

That I am not able to attend the court in consequence of my bodily infirmity. That I have no record of my age.

That I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. That I was born in the town of Guilard State of Connecticut in the year 1752.

That there is no clergyman residing in the neighborhood where I reside and that Nathaniel Pitcher and John Hillebert who resides in the neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services a soldier of the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Ashel Root

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid before me. John Moss