

Pension Application for Edward Tylee

W.1958 (Widow: Rebecca) Edward and Rebecca married June 19, 1829. Edward died October 18, 1850.

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I Edward Tylee, of the Town of Nanburen in the County of Onondaga, and State of New York, do testify and declare, that I was born in the City of New York, on the twenty third day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven and that in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six on or about the first of May I enlisted in the City of New York as a soldier in the United States Army for six months, in Captain Thomas Mitchel, Company in Colo William Malcom's Regiment in General Scotts Brigade, and that I sustained the character of a Corporal, and that William Malcom was Colonel, and James Alner was Major of said Regiment, [sic] the Lieut Colonel I Cannot recollect, but I think our Adjutant was named Landford; our Lieut was Aspenwall Cornell the other I cannot recollect, our Ensign was Olive Lawrence, afterwards Aidecamp to General Parsons, as I have understood, after the Regiment was formed, we entered into Quarters, in Water Street in the City of New York, between Beekmans and [? Slips] shortly after we marched to our encampment at Greenwich, and the same day was fired upon by a Brittish [British] Man of war, said to be commanded by Capt. Wallace, called the Rosse, and about the midle [middle] of August our first Regiment (commanded by Colo Lasher) was ordered to Long Island to sustain general Washington, against the formidable British [Hostes?] and a few days after, Malcom's Regiment (being the second of Scotts Brigade) was ordered to follow them, I also marched with my Regiment - we crossed the ferry next below Brooklin ferry and disembarked at said ferry (called Degrasseshas ferry) our Adjutant then formed the line of March, we then arived [arrived] at Brooklin Hights, in full sight of the whole Brittish[h] Army, General Washington then rode up to us, and ordered us to reinforce, a regement then in action, said to be the Pensylvania [Pennsylvania] Blues, we did so, and covered there retreat across the Creek at Brewers Mills, on or about the 27th of August we lost two Generals who became prisoners of War, Generals Stirling and Sullivan, soon after we retreated from Long Island to New York about Eleven OClock at night and soon after, the Brittish Army landed on York Island, and our Army retreated to Harlem heights, and after the battle, we retreated to the White Plains, from thence (after a Battel) we retreated to North Castle, in the County of Westchester from thence to Peek's Hill, then back to North Cazstle where about the first of November, we were dismissed from our Campain. [Campaign]

The same fall (not being able to return home to my Native City) I went into the Town of Ridgefield, in the County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut and resided there the following winter in the spring following in 1777, Governor Tryon (who commanded a Brittish Army) landed his forces in Conecticut [Connecticut] marched to Danbury and destroyed our Public Stores, and a great part of the Town of Danbury and from thence to the Town or Ridgefield (the place of my residence) and being atacked [attacked] in their front (on Stebbins Hill) by Genl Arnold in the Melitia [Militia] and Genr^l Wooster in their [??]. I voluntarily fell in with General Woorster

and his men, and a hard battle ensued for a short time, until their advance were attacked their rear then gave way, General Woorster, fell in the action, nearly on my right, the British army marched the next morning towards their shipping [shipping] after the burning a number of buildings in our Town Street, and were closely pursued by our Troops until they embarked on board their Fleet.

I now state the improbability if not the impossibility of my producing testimony of my services in the Army of my beloved Country in the year 1776. I have been to New York in the month of June last, and for about ten days made diligent search for some of my old fellow soldiers of the Revolutionary War, I have daily [daily] examined the City directory, for some of their names at last, the President of the Savings Bank did inform me that he knew an Orderly Sergeant of a military Company of Old Men, commanded by Capt Mills, and that the probability was that on the Roll of said Company I might find some of the names of my old fellow Soldiers we called on Capt Mills, who informed us that there was not a man in his company, who was a soldier in the year 1776, but that a number of them was in our Army after that year, so that my indefatigable exertions, in regard of producing believing testimony of my Services in 76, were all in vain, for I cannot find [find] a living officer or soldier of the company that I belonged to in the Campaign of 1776.

I now proceed with my Declaration of services in the Revolutionary War. I the said Edward Tylee, further testify and Declares that in the year 1777 I was a Resident, in the Town of Ridgefield, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut and that on or about the first day of June 1777 that I enlisted for and served during seven months, in Colonel Roger Enos. Regiment of the Connecticut [sic] State Troops in the Company of Captain Ruben Scofield, of which [?] Church was first Lieutenant, Ezra Benedict 2 Lieutenant, and Job Smith Esquire that I enlisted for, and served as the Orderly Sergeant of said Company, and I further says that Roger Enos was Colonel, John Davenport was Major, and a Moore was Adjutant of said Regiment, the Lieutenant Colonel I cannot recollect and we were first stationed in the Lines at Horse Neck, then at the White Plains, then at Peekskill, then doing duty in General Parsons' Brigade, we were afterwards ordered to the North to Reinforce General Gates, we marched seven miles North of Fishkill and then countermarched back to Fishkill and fell in with a number of Regiments, on their way to Saratoga, all were ordered to halt and a hollow square was formed when the orders of the day was read, and the grievous intelligence was announced that General Burgoin, and his Army were Prisoners of War we then returned to Peekskill and had three days rejoicing and then returned to the Lines and performed Duty, being stationed at Horse Neck, and was there Discharged on the last day of December following said enlistment, the following Officers I well knew, when my Regiment was doing duty with the Continental Troops (Viz) General Parsons, Col Megs of the Leather Corps, Capt Humphrey, of the same and many others, not at present recollected, also General McDougel, General Putnam Colonels Bradley, VanCourtlandt, Burr, Starr, Webb, Thomas Sherburn, Willis, Willett and a number of others not now recollected.

I the said Edward Tyler, further testifies, and declares that in the year 1778, I was a resident of the Town of Ridgefield, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut and that on or about the first of April 1778 I again entered the service of the United States in another Regiment of Connecticut troops, which was commanded at the same time, by the said Colonel Roger Enos, and that I enlisted in the Company of Captain David Olmsted, and that Lewis Mills, was the 1st Lieutenant of the said company, the names of the other Subaltern Officers I do not remember, and that I served in the said Regiment as Sergeant Major during the whole campaign, and that I enlisted for one year as a minute man and that I was dismissed on the 1st day of January or the last of December following my enlistment, under express orders to be ready at a minute warning to be called into actual service, during the year of my enlistment, so that I could not engage, in any other service, until the expiration of the term of my enlistment.

(I would here remark, that our State Troops never received any written Discharge, ;but the Regiment was paraded, received the thanks of our commander and were Verbally Dismissed). In the Campaign [Campaign] of 1778—we were first Stationed on the Lines, at Horse Neck, at Maroneck, and at the White Plains) (if this was the year that Washington was at the White Plains with the Grand Army) I am not positive as to the year, but I do know that when the Army left the White Plains, that our Regiment and Colonel Graham's Regiment, was left at the places to guard the lines, we were also Marched to West Point and was there encamped for Several Months, our principle Officer, Or Commandant was Colo^l William Malcom, (my former Colo^l in the year 1776 if I remember right) our Regimental Officers, I can well remember their looks, their countenances, and their Department is very familiar [familiar] to me—but their Names I cannot remember at present except my Colonel having no data to direct me; the officers at this time at West Coast, that I knew beside the Commandant) was Colol Burr, Major Paulding and others that I have forgotten their names, who were in the Infentry [Infantry] and Capt Nathan and Capt Wool of the Artillary, [Artillery] and others that I cannot now Name, and further do I declare, that I did faithfully discharge my Duty in three hard Campaigns, as a Revolutionary Soldier, in the Army of the United States of America, my services in the whole by Voluntary Inlistment and in the Field, Amounting to Two years and one month, my Warrants, as a non commissioned officer, I am not in possession of and I have never seen them, since my House was Destroyed by Fire with all my Furniture, about eight years ago, in the Town of Lysander, in the County of Onondaga, and State of New York, the amount of Service as above stated, in Alarms, and the Battle of Ridgefield, I have been in no other Battles but those of Long Island, and Ridgefield, except Skirmishes, I may have erred in some things of smaller importance, as to dates, but I do most Solemnly Declare that the Above Declaration is Substantially true. (Signed) Edward Tylee

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 13 Sept 1832, Daniel Moseley Circuit Judge
& Vice Chancellor