

Pension Application for Ezra Buel

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Served Under Captain Marvin, Col. VanSchaick's Regt., NY Line. 6 ½ months private, 10 ½ months Lieut.
Declaration of Ezra Buel in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting Ezra Buel a resident of the town of Stillwater in said County, of Saratoga & State of New York aged eighty eight 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

Ezra Buel the said applicant, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the following facts are true.

About the month of May in the year 1775, Ticonderoga having been taken, a company of volunteer was raised to garrison the fort.

The late Lieutenant Governor Taylor who was chairman of the Committee of Safety, appointed a doctor Marvin Captain Simeon Barber, First Lieutenant and this deponent Second Lieutenant and the company immediately set out and marched to the fort. When they arrived Colonel Arnold, the commanding officer was leaving, for St. John's which he captured a Sergeant, a corporal and twelve men were taken prisoners, who were soon after escorted to Albany by this deponent and a few of the volunteers company. Immediately after in May of that year this deponent & Captain Marvin returned to Stillwater, and in a short time raised forty more volunteers and marched to Ticonderoga where they remained about two months and men paid off by the Massachusetts Committee of Charlestown.

In January 1776, the Tories about Johnstown, now in the County of Montgomery, were collecting together and arming themselves, when the militia from the surrounding country men called out to disarm and disperse them. This deponent was engaged in that expedition about ten days.

In April of the same year an alarm was made that the enemy, including the Indian foe, were marching to invade the northern frontier. This deponent was then called out among the militia, to protect the defenceless inhabitants, and marched first to Fort Edward, now in the County of Washington, from there to Lake George, and scoured the country through to Jessup's patent, and was gone some ten or twelve days.

One Isaac German was enlisted for nine months under Captain Job Wright, whose company belonged in Colonel VanSchaack's Regiment of the Continental Army. This deponent took the place of German in August of that year, served the latter part of the nine months, which expired in the December following, and received his pay for that service. During that time he was mostly engaged in the encampment at Lake George; but in the month of November took a scout with a small company through the woods, down the Lake Champlain, below Crown Point, in search of the Indians, and to see if any traces of the enemy could be discovered. The company was gone from the camp thirteen days, and suffered great hardships from exposure to the weather, without comfortable clothing, and obliged to lie in the woods, upon the cold ground with nothing but a blanket for a covering.

In March or April 1777, an alarm was made that the enemy were proceeding up Lake Champlain; and this deponent turned out, with a body of the militia under the command of Colonel Warner a continental officer, and marched to Fort Edward, from thence to Lake George and Lake Schroon, and returned to Fort Edward, and was there discharged, after a tour of duty of about two weeks.

Some time in August, of that year, this deponent was engaged as one of the guides of the northern army under the command of general Gates, and continued in that service until after the

surrender of General Burgoyne, the 17th day of October, following. When this deponent was engaged as a guide, our army was encamped on VanSchaick's Island near the City of Troy; and on the eighth of September, marched up the river to Stillwater. While there until after the battles with Burgoyne's army, this deponent was daily occupied in an arduous service in scouting parties, and giving the officers information of the physiognomy of the country, and the location and state of the road, Indians paths &c. He was also engaged in the two general battles at Stillwater, fought on the 19th of September and 7th of October and was wounded in the first mentioned engagement. When this deponent was discharged he received his pay for services as a guide.

In the years 1778 and 1779, this deponent was frequently called out by alarms and took scouts through the county in pursuit of the Indians and Tories, and was out in one of the expeditions about three weeks.

In July 1777 he was engaged by Colonel Gates of Schenectady to drive in cattle from the surrounding Country to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy & that he was engaged in this service about two weeks.

In August or Sept. 1781, he was engaged by General Fellows of Massachusetts and was sent down Lake Champlain in search of the enemy and was gone about one month.

In April 1780, this deponent was Called out in Captain Harrison's Company which belonged in Colonel John Harper's Regiment of Militia and went to Fort Ann and erected a picket fort, and from there to Palmertown, and built a blockhouse and received a commission of First Lieutenant in May of that year. In the latter part of the summer, he went with the Regiment to Schenectady and proceeded up the Mohawk River to Fort Stanwix, and returned to Schenectady in December following where he was paid and discharged. Which services amounted to eight months & a half.

This deponent never received any compensation for any of his services, except what is above stated, and this deponent further saith that he is now aged eighty eight years, as infirm of body, incapable of labor and without any means of support except the kindness of friends though still of good hope and of a joyful spirit.

There is a record of my age in the Town of Lebanon in the county of Windham in the State of Connecticut in Town Records.

I had a memorandum of it taken from the Town Record in an account book, which I can not now say whether I have now in my possession.

I was born in the town of Lebanon aforesaid the 2d day of April old style. & the 14th New Style 1744. I, residing there until I was twenty one years of age. I went from thence to Norfolk in Connecticut & lived there six months—thence to Salisbury & thence moved back to Canaan—from thence moved to Wyoming in Pennsylvania, I then moved back to Canaan and in the year 1771 moved to Stillwater, where I have continued ever since to reside .

I refer to John Nelson, Elisha Andrews & Elias Palmer that can attest to my veracity and my [?] the reputation of being a soldier of the Revolution, in the neighbourhood.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that my name is not on the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Ezra Buel
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer Clerk