

**BRIEF** in the case of *David Holly of Ellisburg*  
*County of Jefferson* in the State of *New York*  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *In open Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *83*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
<i>drafted January</i> <i>February In 1776</i>	—	4	—	<i>private</i>	<i>Cap. David Ripston, Major</i>
<i>volunteered in time of</i> <i>wheat harvest same</i> <i>year</i>	—	5	—	—	<i>Militia</i> <i>Cap. Elijah Brown</i>
<i>was drafted Jan 1777</i>	—	4	—	—	<i>Cap. Rathbone</i>
<i>left the service in May</i> <i>volunteered June 1777</i>	—	4	—	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>Cap. Rowley</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged?  
*skirmish at Rocky Hills*
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?  
*Richmond, Backshire Coy. Maspuchiputt*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *By traditionary evidence*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?  
*not properly attached, the signature of the living witness is absent*

**I Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Char. B. Wilson* Examining Clerk.  
 21. July 1832

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David Holly of Ellensburg  
county of Jefferson State aforesaid being duly  
sworn, deponent & truth that he resides in  
Ellensburg aforesaid is of the age of eighty  
two years & is a brother of Jonathan  
Holly of Whitetown Brida county who  
is an applicant for a pension. That  
he knows that the said Jonathan was  
in actual service in the year 1775 in  
the state of Massachusetts for the term  
of eight <sup>or nine</sup> months. That he knows that in  
the spring of 1775 he stood as a minute  
man & went away from home in the  
town of Richmond under Capt Hill.  
That he the said Jonathan was gone from  
home for the term of eight or nine months  
that he understood at the time that he  
had been to Charlestown & Lexington in  
said state & brought home a discharge  
with him which this deponent has seen.  
This deponent further says that he was  
acquainted with Capt David Popiter, who  
was afterwards a General. That he knew  
Lieut. Ebenezer Smith & Capt David Noble  
& that said Jonathan enlisted into said  
Nobles company as he always understood  
& believed. Said Jonathan lived at his fathers  
where this deponent also resided when out

in actual service. This Deponent well recollects  
when the said Jonathan left home at the  
time he went to Cheltonow & when he  
returned from service in the revolutionary war.  
This Deponent also saith that in the  
year 1777 being the year in which  
Burgoyne was taken. he then Deponent  
was at Stillwater in the state of New York  
in the service of the United States. That  
while there his Brother Jonathan came  
there with Capt Amos Rattbone. That  
this Deponent went home with before the  
capture of Burgoyne & left Jonathan  
Holly at Stillwater in service under  
the said Rattbone. He was gone from  
home as much as two or three months.  
This Deponent further states, that he  
well ~~remembers~~ <sup>remembers</sup> that said Jonathan was  
frequently out on duty as a Minute  
Man at different places. and he has  
no doubt but that the said Jonathan  
was in actual service at different times  
for more than two years & certainly  
more than this Deponent was, whose  
service was more than nineteen months.  
He has always had the impression & now  
believes it to be true & further saith  
not -

David Holly

State of New York  
County of Jefferson

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting David Holly a resident of Ellisburgh in the County of Jefferson, State of New York, aged 81 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following names Officers & served as herein stated That he was drafted as a Militiaman in the Town of Richmond County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts in the year 1776 & entered the service of the United States under Captain David Rosseter in what month of that year he cannot distinctly recollect but thinks that it was in the month of January or February that he marched to Mount Independence where he was stationed & served as a soldier four months. He cannot recollect the names of any of his Officers except his Captain, nor the names of any of the Continental Officers or Companies with whom he served. That when he marched to Mount Independence he marched through Bennington & Castleton in the State of Vermont, & when he went home he went by the way of Albany in the State of New York, that he resided in the said Town of Richmond where he entered the service at the time he was drafted. That in the same year he entered the service of the United States again as a volunteer under Capt. Elijah Brown of the Massachusetts Militia in the Town of Richmond County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts aforesaid. He thinks in the month of July or August (from the circumstance that he is positive that it was in the time of wheat harvest in that part of the Country) and marched to Ticonderoga by the way of Bennington & Castleton aforesaid That he served & was stationed at Ticonderoga the term of five months. That he cannot recollect the names of any of the regular Officers that were there at that time except General Philip Schuyler who he thinks commanded on that station. That he thinks it was the last of December when he returned home (from the circumstance of the ground being frozen at that time. That he resided in the Town Richmond aforesaid

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David H. Collyer

of Ellisburg in the State of N. York  
who was a Private in the Company commanded  
by Captain Nathan of the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded  
by \_\_\_\_\_ in the Navy.  
line for 13 months a Private  
of A " " Capt.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 63 Dollars 30 Cents per annum  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 15th day of March  
1833 and sent to Hon. D. Wadsworth  
H. of N. Y.

Arrears to the 4th of Sep. 1832 \$4<sup>00</sup> 95  
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. '33 31<sup>00</sup> 65  
\$126<sup>00</sup> 60

Revolutionary Claim,  
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1834, and sent to Hon. Wadsworth  
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