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Ormsbee, Ezra

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Rhode Island

Ezra Ormsbee

of Warren in the State of
who was a private in the Comp^y
by Captain Elliot of the Regt. com^d
by Colo. Daggett in the No 9
line for

24 Months

Inscribed in the Roll of No 1
at the rate of 30 Dollars _____ Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831

Certificate of Pension issued the 28th day of March
1834 and sent to John
Cross Esq^r Portsmouth N.H.

Amount to the 1st of March 1834 \$ 240
Pensioner's allowance ending 4th Sep^r 40

\$ 280

Received by Claimant
May 7, 1832

Recorded by George Taylor Clerk
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State of Rhode Island &c

County of Bristol 3 ss.

On the twentyfourth day of August 1833 personally appeared before the judges or justices of the Court of Probate of Warren in the County of Bristol, Ezra Ormsbee, a resident of said Warren, in the County of Bristol and State of Rhode Island, aged Eighty three 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. He entered the service of the United States and on the following named Officers, and served as herein stated that is to say: In the year 1775 he lived in the Town of Killingly in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut - Immediately after the battle of Lexington in the Month of April of this year he entered as a Soldier, at Killingly, in Capt John Elliot's Company of which Company Benoni Britton was Lieutenant and was marched to Roxbury near Boston - Col. John Daggitt commanded the Regt he staid in this service, one month, as a private - when he returned home, he staid at home, at Killingly aforesaid two days, and then enlisted at s^d Killingly under said Capt John Elliot, in Col. Daggitt's Regt for eight months - this was in Mar 1775, and was marched directly to Boston, I was in the battle of Bunker hill, and saw General Warren, that day, both before and after he fell - I also frequently saw General Putnam - in this service I staid, as a private until the latter part of Jan'y 1776, when I was discharged at No 2 Fort in Cambridge near Boston - I then returned home to Killingly, and in February 1776 removed to the Town of Richmond in the State of New Hampshire, and in March 1776 enlisted, as a private, at s^d Richmond, into Capt. Ingalls Company, and one Ormsbee was Col. or Major of the Regiment, for the term of eight months - We were marched to Mount Independence on Lake Champlain, when I staid, my term out, he remembers having seen at this time General Gates, at Mount Independence who he believes had the chief command, in Novmber 1776, having served out his eight months he was discharged at s^d Mount Independence - immediately thereupon, at the same place, in Nov. 1776 I enlisted again into Capt Josiah Fish's Company, General Sletcher's Brigade for three months - This term I staid out, at said Mount Independence, and was discharged at that place in Feb'y 1777 - I then returned home to Richmond, and in one week removed my family to Putney in Vermont - In March 1777, he enlisted, at Putney, into said Capt. Fish's Company, Ormsbee was Col. or Major in Genl Sletcher's Brigade, for eight

months, we were marched again to Mount Independence, and joined
the Army, under Gen. St. Clair, here we staid working on the redoubts
and out posts till sometime in July 1777 the Army retreated. That part
of it to which ^{he} was ^{the} attacked sent by Hubbardton, where the English
and Canadians coming up with us, we had a brush, and lost
a considerable number of men, but the enemy lost more, though we
retreated. From here we marched to Bennington & Fort Edward on the
Hudson River, and then to Saratoga and Stillwater. He was in the
first Battle at Stillwater on Friday, and in the Great Battle of
Tuesday, under Sturges, He saw General Gates, and Gen. Clarke,
and Gen. Arnold, & Col. Brooks and Gen. Livingston, and many more
whom names he cannot remember - he served his time out and
was discharged at Stillwater in Novr 1777 - He then again enlisted
into the same company of Capt Fish, at Stillwater, and was marched
to Castleton, now Vermont, where there were barracks and quarters for the
soldiers - he enlisted this time for one year, as a private, I think one
Ingalls was Lt. and Capt. Asilton Ensign of the company - Primmer was
Col. or Major in General Fletchers Brigade - he staid at Castleton this
year out, and was discharged at that place in the month of December 1778

And said Amos solemnly avers that he faithfully and truly served his country
in the War of the Revolution, all the time aforementioned - namely -
in Capt. Elliot's Company at Roxbury in Apr. 1775 one month - in the same from
May 1775 to Jan 1776 at Boston eight months - in Capt. Ingalls company from March 1776
to Nov 1776 eight months - in Capt. Fish's company from Nov 1776 to Feb 1777 three
months - in Lt. Capt. Fish's company from March 1777 to Nov 1777 eight months
and in some company of Capt. Fish from Nov 1777 to Dec^r 1778 twelve
months making in all forty months service, as a private soldier for
which I claim a pension.

When I was a young man, before the Revolutionary War I spent
the seas, and about four years before the war as near as I can remember
I was pressed in Boston, on board of the English Man of War Somerset
then in Boston, Capt Hoyt - our Reed was sailing Master, then and that
went to me I never forgot - I staid on board 8 months and fourteen days -
when I ran away in Boston Harbor - In June 1772 when the English
Revenue cutter Gaspee was burnt in Providence River, I was one ^{that}
went from this town, and helped do it - Capt. John Greenwood, James
Smith, Abner Luther, Abel Eastbrooks, Nathaniel Eastbrooks, Husehiah
Pannicut and myself went together in a whale boat, and we ^{with}
her - I mention this merely as a revolutionary incident, and not as
connected with my pension claims - all the above named persons

who were with me in burning the Casper, have a long time since died

And he further declares that he was born in s^d Warren on the 11th day of April ¹⁷⁵¹ ~~1750~~ ^{on March 11th 1751} and that he hath a record of his age, that he made in Warren his home until Dec^r 1774 when he removed to Killingly in Conn^t - at the close of the Revolutionary War he removed from Pott^{er} - my, now Vermont, to Foster in the County of Providence in this State, and in Foster and Burrillville in s^d County of Providence he lived ever since, until the last eight years, during which time he has lived; and now lives in this Town. That he never received any written discharge from any of said services, but was verbally discharged by his commanding officers - That he has no documentary evidence of said service - he refers to the Rev. John C. Welch & Benj^m Cole Esq^s who are his neighbors and citizens of said Town of Warren, who testify to his character for veracity, and to their belief that he was a soldier of the Revolution - he further states that none of the of the aforesaid officers, under whom he served, or soldiers who served with him, are now living, to his knowledge, (though some of them may be) and hopes that his name may be found on the rolls of the Army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, and desires that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State -
In witness whereof he has hereunto set his hand and subscribed his name this 24th day of August 1833

State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, } TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, WARREN, August 24th 1833
Ezra Ormsbee son of Ebenezer Ormsbee
and Hannah his wife, was born on the 30th day of March A. D. Seventeen hundred fifty One
A true copy of record.
Witness Samuel Randall Town Clerk.

Given to and subscribed by the deponent aforesaid Samuel Randall Probate Clerk
John C. Welch
Benj^m Cole
And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department, that the above named applicant, was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states, and the Court further certify, that it appears to them that the Rev. John C. Welch & Benjamin Cole who have signed the preceding certificates, are residents in s^d Warren, and are credible persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.
I Samuel Randall, Clerk of the Court of P.

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Sworn to and subscribed }
the day and year aforesaid } his
Ezra Ormish

Samuel Randall Probate Clerk

We John C. Welch Clergyman residing in the Town of Warren aforesaid and Benj^m Cole residing in the same, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Ezra Ormish who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, that we believe him to be eighty three years of age, and that he is reported and believed in the Neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution - and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed } John C. Welch
the day & year aforesaid } Benj^m Cole
Samuel Randall Probate Clerk

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