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Eber Allford.

Canton in the State of Connecticut  
who was an Artificer in the company commanded  
by Captain Bassett - of the - commanded  
in the Connecticut  
~~Regiment~~ - 1 year -  
and in the Connecticut  
Militia 9 mos -

Enrolled on the Roll of Connecticut  
at the rate of 162 Dollars - Extra per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2 - day of November  
1832 - and sent to S. H. Bassett  
Hartford County -

Balance due of Sept 1832. \$ 15 00  
Pension and allowance ending 1st Mar 1833 - 5 1 -

\$ 21 4

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832.

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Conn. Contingent  
Fund established by

# PENSION ACT OF 1832.

Declaration of Eber Alford

in order to obtain the benefit of the

Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT. { ss. Eber Alford

COUNTY OF Hartford

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August,

1832, before the Probate

Court for the

and State of

District of Hartford in the County of Hartford

County Court being a Court of Record, having by Law a Clerk and Seal, personally appeared Eber Alford

a resident of Watertown

in the County of Hartford

and State of

Connecticut, aged seventy one 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Fuller.

Lieutenant David Phelps

and Ensign

a Stonbury (now Litchfield) in the County of Hartford.

and State of Connecticut, on or about the 2<sup>d</sup> day of September 1777; that said company belonged to a regiment of Middlesex commanded by Colonel Woodruff Hooker

Lieutenant Colonel Dear and Major Dear Brennan

That he the deponent was drafted for about two months, and continued to serve in the said Corps, until on or about the month of November 1777 when he was dismissed

from the service, at or near a place called Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York;

; that when he entered the service, he resided in Stonbury, now Litchfield in the County of Hartford.

and State of Connecticut and marched from Stonbury

by the way of Philipsburg, Duanbury, &c to Peekskill State of New York to defend Fort Clinton or Montgomery which was taken

by the British about the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1777. (See Marshall, Life of Washington vol 3. p. 296.)

Then he returned to Fishkill was soon after dismissed.

as a man whose affections kept him from the service.

2<sup>d</sup> And the deponent further declares that on or about

the month of February 1778, he enlisted at said Fishkill

to serve one year as an artificer or mechanic in

Captain Clowes Cook's Company in the Continental

Army and Contended to serve in said Continental

February 1779, when he was dismissed at West Point

in the State of Iowa - that he received \$17 per month

for that service & was paid at West Point in Continental

money. After he enlisted, he went from Stonbury to Fishkill, from thence to West Point and assisted in

building a fort during the fort and barracks - while at West Point, he saw General Sullivan Genl. Arnold to

Reuben Mifflin of South Hartford, served at the

same time & in the same company with the deponent

also Nathaniel Collins of Canton; these affidavits are hereto annexed.

3<sup>rd</sup> And the defendant further declares, that in July 1779 he was drafted at Seminary in Captain Job Case's company of Militia in Colonel Broadbent Hooker's regiment, and marched to Greenwich Court to guard the lines, where he was a few days skirmished with the ~~Red~~ <sup>Rebel</sup> boys or Tories - and served about two months, and was dismissed with "Groenwirth" or Horse-neck so called.

As a base of Canton, whose affidavit is hereto annexed, served in the same company with the defendant during this term, he was dismissed to come home at the same time.

4<sup>th</sup>

And the defendant further declares that on June or July 1780, he enlisted into the Lancashire Line of the Continental establishment for the term of six months in Colonel Hemman's regiment, and served the principal part of his time in Captain Ten Eyck's Company - that he joined the army at Pickens Point in the State of New York, and was in Gen'le Lee's <sup>Brigade</sup> at Huntingdon's brigade of Infantry, that he was with the Army when they crossed the river about near King's Ferry, and marched to Parameis in the State of New Jersey - and was there ~~selected~~ to join the Army by Barn Steuben together with a number of others to assist the American forces under General Lafayette: at which time ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~American~~ <sup>French</sup> ~~Regiments~~ were formed into a brigade and were placed under the orders of Gen'

Lafayette. and marched to various places  
~~in~~ State of New Jersey, and finally  
discharged, at the expiration of his month's  
attorney. Took bill with state of New  
York = and return home with Mr. Graham  
~~after~~ found him very fatigued the City of New  
York. The attendant of said William Graham  
~~who~~ who arrived

During the tour offensive he saw  
General Washington, General Parsons.  
Lafayette... Huntington & ~~Perry~~ Sc.  
other officers whose names he does now  
distinctly recollect.

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And in reply to certain interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court, the deponent further declares,

1st. That he was born at ~~in New Haven~~ (now Canton) in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 1761.

2d. That the day and year of his birth is recorded in the George Family Bible which belonged to his father, who died several years ago, and that he has no record from his father, that his age does not exceed 71 years of the Town of New Haven.

3d. and 4th. That when he was called into service, he resided at the places or towns as herein before stated; and served in the manner set forth in the preceding declaration. ~~in the said Town of New Haven now called Canton~~

5th. That the general circumstances of his service are detailed in the preceding declaration, and also the names of such officers, &c. as he distinctly recollects.

6th. That he however received a written discharge from the service, but when his time was out he remained here by verbal permission from his officers.

7th. That he is personally known to ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> Burt a Clergyman of Canton, Ephraim Mells, by ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> any others

who are respectable persons in the neighborhood where he now resides, and can testify as to his character for veracity, and also their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And the said Ober Afford hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

{ Ober Afford

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 certifies, that it appears to them, that ~~James~~ <sup>James</sup> Burt a Clergyman of the Town of Canton, Ephraim Mells, Asa Foss, Nathaniel Collins, Reuben messenger, and William Graham whose affidavits are hereto annexed are credible persons, and that their statements are entitled to credit.

I, William Whitman, Clerk of the Probate Court for the District of Hartford do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Ober e. Afford for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 8 day of August A.D. 1832.

William Whitman, Clerk of Court  
of Probate for district of  
Hartford