

Pension Application for Paul Atwell

S.12008

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Broome County SS.

On this 30 day of August 1932, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Paul Atwell, a resident of Windsor in the County of Broome and State of New York, aged 67 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered as a soldier of the United States of America in the County of Dutchess and State of New York in the month of April, in the year 1781 for nine months in Capt. Phelps (1) Company and Col. Marinus Willett's Regiment of State troops—that he marched to Peekskill on the Hudson River thence on board of a sloop to Albany where the troops remained a short time and thence on the Mohawk at Fort Hunter, Fort Dayton, Stone Arabia, Johnstown & Saratoga, he had permission to enlist out of this company near Fort Plain, and did enlist in a company of recruits commanded by Lieut. Dibble (2) and marched to Saratoga in October '81 and entered Capt. Job Wright's (3) Company in Col. Willett's Regt, this enlistment was for three years, during the full period of which, he served on the Mohawk River (excepting nine months) guarding the frontier—he was discharged at Schenectady having served the full period of his enlistment to within 7 months of the end of the term of his enlistment as aforesaid -- that he received a written discharge but the same is lost and he cannot recollect who gave it. The applicant further declares that he was born in the town of Amenia in the County of Dutchess & State of New York on the 16 day of June in the year 1765 but has no record of his age—nor has he any other proof of his services except the enclosed affidavits—he lived in Dutchess Co. after the close of the war 5 or 6 years and then removed to Windsor Broome County NY where he now resides.

He 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. (Signed with his mark) Paul Atwell

B. Marvin, Clerk.

Letter in pension file written in response to a letter of inquiry dated April 13, 1936.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Hezekiah Atwell, of Connecticut and Paul Atwell, of New York.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pensions and bounty land, which have been made to the United States, based upon service in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of Hezekiah Atwell. The surname was searched under similar spellings.

The record of Paul Atwell which follows was obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.12008, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Paul Atwell was born June 16, 1765 in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

He volunteered in Amenia, New York, sometime in April, 1781, served as private in Captains Phelps' (probably intended for Welp), and Job Wright's companies, Colonel Marinus

Willett's New York Regiment; part of the time he was on the Mohawk River guarding the frontiers, length of service more than two years.

He continued to live in Dutchess County, New York for five or six years after the Revolution, when he moved to Windsor, Broome County, New York. He was allowed pension on his application executed August 20, 1832, then living in Windsor, New York.

The papers in this claim contain no reference to the family of the soldier, Paul Atwell.

End Notes—S.12008—Paul Atwell

1. Paul served as private in Captain Anthony Whelp's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. Lieutenant Jesse Hubble or Hubbel of Captain Job Wright's Company in Willett's Regiment. Paul enlisted for 3 years on June 26, 1781 under Lieutenant Banamiel Duel or Deuel of Captain Whelp's Company. Paul was paid for his service in Captain Whelp's Company after the war according to the 1785 receipt roll for Willett's Regiment. Paul was paid £20. .12. .5 and it was delivered to Brenton Paine. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. A descriptive book for Willett's Regiment has the following information on Paul: Enlisted June 26, 1781 by Lieutenant (Banaoniel, or Banamieul, or Emanuel, ect.) Duel for 3 years. Born at Oblong, Dutchess County, New York, age 18, size 5 ft 9 in, complexion dark, hair dark, eyes dark, occupation labourer. FROM: Willett's Descriptive Book No. 4, Doc. No. 11105, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, New York. According to Captain Wright's Pay Roll for 1783, Atwell served ten months in his company. He had been paid £22.66 and was owed £40. Captain Wright retired on October 31, 1783 and Atwell was transferred on October 31, 1783 and he was transferred to Captain Peter B. Tearce's Company of Light Infantry in Willett's Regiment. He served two months and was owed £13.30. Same source as in end note 2.