

Pension Application for Jesse Atwood

W.17222 (Widow: Rachel)

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

Personally appeared before me Marvin Judd a Judge of Schoharie County Jesse Atwood a resident of Jefferson in the County of Schoharie aged eighty years last May who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following[g] declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he served in Collonel [Colonel] William Shephards Regt his company officers names were Capt. Warehamharke Lieut John Shepherd Ensign Tally that he listed about the 20th of May 1775 for one year that he resided in the Town of Westfield State of Massachusetts the county he has forgot and went to Rosbury [Roxbury] near Boston the generals name was Thomas that he was on Dodgester [Dorchester?] Point near Boston when the British fired at them and killed three men it was the last of their living before they left Boston and did duty at Rosbury until the last of February or first of March following then we marched to Newlondon [New London] and those took shipping and went to New York and there were discharged at the expiration of the year & then inlisted in Col. Browne at the expiration of the year & then enlisted in Col Browne Regt in Capt Shaddocks Company for six months and did duty with the Mechanics and was only called out at the White Plain Battle and was discharged the last of November 1776 don't recollect any of the continental officers names except Washington I then went to Woodbury in the State of Connecticut in September 1777 I volunteered for two months in Capt Elijah Shipmans Company in Col Cooks Regt I then resided in Woodbury Litchfield County State of Connecticut and marched and joined the Army near Stilwater [Stillwater] in the State of New York I was in the battle taking of Burgoyne and saw Arnold when he entered the fort after the surrender of the Brittish [British] we marched back by the way of Albany down the North River as far as Rhinebeck and there were discharged having served out the two months in the Month of August 1779 I enlisted for seven months in Capt Yates Company in Col. Meade Regt and went to Horseneck and was discharged in March 1780 there was no Continental Regt there as I recollect I then ordered in Woodbury Litchfield County State of Connecticut the whole time I served as a volunteer in the State troops was two years and four months one month that I went to Rie & Sawfrite is not given in particular that he has no documentary evidence now his discharge are lost and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service according to the record which his father kept in his family Bible which he now keeps he was born in Woodby Litchfield County State of Connecticut I;nteh year 1752 the 23rd of May that he has always resided in Woodbury except about one year and a half when he enlisted in Westfield Mass until twenty seven years last July when I moved to Jefferson Schoharie County State of New York when I moved to Jefferson Schoharie County State of New York where I now reside I would refer you to persons in the Town and neighborhood who

can testify as to my character & their belief as to my being a soldier of the revolution
Ezra Baird Esqr, Wm Judd, Dr Eli Bord, Jacob Jones.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the
present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.
(Signed) Jesse Atwood

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.
Marvin Judd a Judge of Schoharie County.

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim,
W.17222, based upon the military service of Jesse Atwood.

He was born May 23, 1752, in Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut. The
names of his parents were not given.

While living a few miles north of Westfield, Massachusetts, he enlisted about May
20, 1775, and served one year as private in Captain Warham Park's Company, Colonel
William Shepard's Massachusetts Regiment. He next enlisted in Captain Shaddock's
Company in Colonel Brewer's Massachusetts Regiment, was in the battle of White Plains
and was discharged the last of November, 1776, having served six months as private.
While living in Woodbury, Connecticut, he enlisted in September, 1777, and served two
months as private in Captain Elijah Shipman's Company in Colonel Cook's Connecticut
Regiment and participated in the capture of Burgoyne. He enlisted in August 1779, and
served seven months as private in Captain John Yates' Company in Colonel Matthew
Mead's Connecticut Regiment. He also served another month as private with the
Connecticut troops, no particulars given.

He moved to Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York, In July, 1805, prior to which
time he had always lived in Woodbury, Connecticut, with the except in of one yar and a
half when he lived near Westfield, Massachusetts.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 23, 1832, at which
time he was living in Jefferson, New York.

Jesse Atwood died October 14, 1836, in Jefferson, New York, leaving a large
family of adult children, their names not given.

This soldier married March 4, 1778, at Woodbury, Connecticut, Rachel Minor
who was born in March 1758.

As the widow of Jesse Atwood, Rachel Atwood applied for pension January 25,
1838, while living in Jefferson, New York. Her claim was allowed.

The soldier's brother, Noble Atwood, was born in October, 1758, and was living
in Watertown, Litchfield County, Connecticut, in 1827.

One Matthew Minor was town clerk of Woodbury, Connecticut, in 1839, but ti
was not shown that he was related to the widow, Rachel.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to the soldier's family.