

Pension Application for William Castor or Caster

W.14448 (Widow: Mary)

Declaration. Revolutionary claim, under an Act of Congress, Passed June 7th, A.D. 1832.

State of Vermont

District of Georgia, SS.

Franklin County Probate Court, August 11th A.D. 1832.

Personally appeared in open court, being the Probate Court for the County of Franklin, and a Court of Record for said County, and State of Vermont, as will appear by the first section of a Statute Law of said State, entitled "An act, constituting Probate Courts, Courts of Record,"—passed November 15th, A.D. 1821, (see 1st. section of said act,) William Caster, aged 70 years, resident in Highgate in said County, 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, A.D. 1832.

In the month of May (the year he does not recollect) he enlisted for three years at Albany under Capt. Jonathan Percey, Lieuts Chafer & Richardson, Col. Merinus Willet [Marinus Willett] Regiment—Pliny Moor Adjutant—marched to Schenectady—there a few days and then marched to Fort Plain—there stationed about two months as near as he can recollect—from there to Curriestown with a Lieuts guard to a Piquet Fort—there stationed about three months there to Fort Herkimer there seven or eight weeks then with a Lieuts guard to Fort Daton [Dayton]—there some time does not recollect how long—and from there back to Fort Plain—In the month of February (he thinks) the Regiment to which he belonged and a Regiment from Rhode Island marched to Fort Otsego for the purpose of taking said Fort—but was discovered and their designs frustrated—then marched back to Fort Plain after a campaign of fifteen days suffering much from the severity of the weather and being short of provisions—Stationed at Fort Plain until spring and then the Regiment to which he belonged moved to Fort Stanwick on the Mohawk River—there stationed he thinks until November or December and then returned back to Fort Plain, there remained until January or February from there to Schenectady there discharged from service by Pliney Moor [?] his Adjutant—(he thinks) in the year 1784 which he has lost—thinks he served two years and nine months—but this is not certain but believes that the certificate of Pliney Moor will show the time of his enlistment and discharge.

In the year 1818 or 19 the said Castor applied to the late General Plyney Moor of Champlain, state of New York for is affidavit and information relative to the applicant's service in the Army of the Revolution—said Moor being Adjutant of Col. Willet's Regiment to which said Caster belonged Gen. Moor furnished said Caster with the minutes of his service from his Adjutant's Book and made an affidavit in due form of law before Justice Hix—said Casten then applied to the late Hon. William Brayton—then one of the Judges of the Supreme Court for the State of Vermont and before him the said Brayton the applicant made his declaration for a pension under the act of March 18th 1818 which together with the evidence aforesaid was sent to the Hon. Secretary of War which was examined and allowed and a pension certificate granted and forwarded to the applicant upon which he drew two semi annual payments one from the Hon. David Robinson at Bennington then Marshal and one from the Hon Heman Allen at Burlington was then dropp'd from the Pension Roll on account of his service being State service instead of Continental as he was afterwards informed by advice from the Hon Ezra Meach who applied to Mr. Edwards for information.

Recently the Applicants pension certificate accompanied by col. Edwards Letter was forwarded to the Hon. Heman Allen for the purpose of having said Caster reinstated from the Pension Roll under the Act of June 7th 1832 which was presented to Col. Edwards by Mr. Allen for examination and allowance—which certificate and letter is presumed now to be on file in the Secretary's Office.

The applicant further states that Col. Willet, General Moor and the Hon William Brayton are all deceased and he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure relative to his service.

He has no documentary evidence whatever.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present,
(Signed with his mark) William Caster

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid, William Bridges Judge.