

Pension Application for William Champenois or Chanpenois

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State City and County of New York SS.

On this seventeenth day of July AD 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Marine Court of the City of New York now sitting William Champenois of said City 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.

That he is of the age of seventy-five years on the first day of September last past, according to the tradition of his family, but that he has no written record of his age. That he was born 1st Sept'r 1758, at Mount Pleasant County of West Chester State of New York.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in Colonel Hammonds Regiment Capt. Pauling Horton's Company of militia raised in West Chester County. That he entered in January 1777 and was (though not as a soldier) at the battle of White Plains. That the said company formed themselves into a company of Rangers or minute men for the purpose of guarding the lines in West Chester that he continued with said company until the fall of 1779 doing duty & engaged in many skirmishes & took a good many British prisoners for more than two years when the company broke up, the company having been by that time reduced by being killed & taken prisoners down to 12 or 15 men & obliged on that account to break up. That immediately thereafter he again volunteered in colonel Thomas' Regiment N. York State Troops in Capt'n Mosier's Company and served between two and three months, and on the 20th day of March 1780 said company was engaged in action with the British at Kings Street near Sawpits in said County of West Chester & this deponent received a wound in his head from a musket ball which disabled him from duty for the rest of the war. That is life was despaired of for several months after his wound and he was laid up in hospital more than six months after his wound. That he has received a pension of six dollars a month since 1796 for his disability.

That he has no documents to prove his services. But that he has with him two witness[es] to wit. Mr. Samuel Youngs and Mr. Abraham Boice his fellow soldiers who can testify to a person knowledge of his services.

That he has always resided in West Chester County and is now in New York because he finds it more convenient to make his application here and his witnesses also are here and he cannot get them to go with him to his county [&] town.

That General McDougal commanded at the battle of White plains & he saw him frequently afterwards that he also knew Col. Green, Col. Thomas, Col. Hammond & served others.

That he never received a discharge.

That he is well known to Judge Tompkins Mr. Jonathan Ward & others of West Chester who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services if required. That his name is now on the pension roll of the New York Agency, which he hereby relinquishes in consideration of his being put on the roll under the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832. (Signed) William Champenois

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Barberie, Clerk

Chanpenois, William

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on May 22, 1794, and printed to the American State Papers, Class 9, page 126.

Rank: Private

Regt: Colonel Thomas's militia.

Disability: Wounded by a ball in his forehead, received from a party of the enemy who lay in ambush, while on a march.

When and where disabled: 1781, King Street

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Residence: West Chester County

To what pension entitled: Three-fourths

Remarks: No rolls in office.

Evidence complete, except that the disability is proved but by one evidence.