

Pension Application for Matthew Chandler

S.10442

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before me Barak Beckwith Esquire one of the Judges of Madison County Common Pleas in the State aforesaid Matthew Chandler a resident of the town of Cazenovia County & State aforesaid aged sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn as the law directs 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, to wit. He enlisted as a volunteer in the Militia in the spring of 1782, and in the month of April he believes under Capt. [blank] Bossell at East Hartford in Connecticut, for one years. Marched to a place called Horses Neck near the dividing line between continental & New York & one the south and was stationed at the Fort at that place for the whole year. The fort, whilst Declarant was stationed there, was commanded by Col. Canfield his first name Declarant cannot now [?]

The first six months of the term of his enlistment Declarant was employed in doing fort duty at the Fort, and in occasional scouting parties into the Country in the vicinity of Horse Neck. At those times some slight skirmishes with small parties of royalists took place, in which declarant was engaged.

On one occasion the Lieutenant of the Company whose name was Howe (his first name is forgotten) went out on a scouting party with seventeen picked men of whom Declarant was one and at about ten miles from the fort overtook twenty four of the British light horse. When first discovered they were all dismounted and Lieut. Howe divided his men into two parties and one himself round through the bushes to attack the British in front while the other should march up in their rear.

This was executed simultaneously and both parties of our troops at the same moment presented themselves at the British before they had time to mount, and demanded of them to surrender. This they did immediately and without firing a gun and were all taken prisoners to the fort.

The other skirmishes during this six months were of no particular importance, and are not specifically remembered.

At the end of the first six months declarant being a tailor by trade was selected with four others and set to work, making clothes for the soldiers at the fort, in which employment declarant continued until the expiration of his term of service which was in the spring of the year 1783.

At about the close of his term of service declarant was sent to assist in guarding some prisoners from Horse Neck to Hartford in Connecticut and when he got to that place was dismissed as his term of service had fully expired whilst on the road.

Whilst on the road heard of the cessation of hostilities.

Declarant does not recollect any officers of the Continental line unless Col. Canfield the commander of the fort at Horse Neck was one.

Declarant was born on the fifth day of January 1764 according to the family record now in his possession.

Before the Revolutionary War he lived with his father at East Hartford in Connecticut and since the war he lived there and in the City of Hartford until he removed to German in Chenango County and from there Cazenovia New York State, more than thirty years since, where he now resides.

He further states the he has no written discharge but was dismissed on the expiration of his time of enlistment.

And that he has no documentary evidence of his services and no testimony to his knowledge except such as is herewith transmitted.

He had never applied for a pension. His name is not on the pension roll of any state and he hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present.

Declarant is known in his present residence to the Hon. Justin Drumell (a former member of Congress), Hon Charles Stebbins (Bank Commissioner of New York State) Pessy G. Childs, Jesse Kilborn (Post Master) Lemuel White & they with all others living in his neighborhood can testify to his character for truth and veracity. (Signed) Matthew Chandler

Sworn and subscribed before me on this day and year first above written. Barak Beckwith a Judge of the Court of com. Pleas in & for the County of Madison.