

Pension Application for Andrew Curtiss

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State of Connecticut
County of Fairfield SS.

On this 20th day of May 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate in & for Stamford? District now sitting Andrew Curtiss a resident of Trumbull in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, aged seventy five years who being first 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. Viz.

In the month of April 1776, I enlisted into the said service at a place called Quaker Hill in the State of New York near the Town of Dover, NY enlistment was for Nine months which term of time I served out in full. I cannot State the Regiment but the Colonel's name was Swartout & the Captain's Mott I cannot say whether or not I was in the Continental Troops. My belief is that I as I that my name will be found in the Rolls of Continental Troops.

We marched to Peekskill & from there to Kingsbridge on the Hudson where we staid until some time in the Fall. We went to White Plains & was there in a Battle – we afterwards crossed the river at a place called Black House & I was dismissed at New Windsor in the month of January 1777—

Capt. Mott was promoted (at Kingsbridge) & Lieut. Cauthins or Corkies was appointed our captain. He came home at the same time & did—He lived about 2 miles from where I did. I lived at the time of my enlistment with one David Birch now Dec'd his brother Silas Brick enlisted with me. Weeks was the name of our Sargeant. When on of no person by whom I can prove this service except my brother Everand Curtiss now in Court.

I was born July 1757—at Trumbull, Fairfield County Conn to which place I came soon after my return to Quaker Hill & have always remained at said Trumbull. Shortly after my return to Trumbull I as drafted in the Militia to serve guard at Milford in New Haven County Connecticut & there served from one to three months to the best of my knowledge I cannot state positively how long—Capt. Mallet of Milford & Levi Tomlinson of Derby were officers in the guard, both dec'd I cannot procure any testimony to this service.

I was afterwards drafted & went to Fairfield on [?] and to the best of my knowledge more than one month & it may be three months. I cannot state no living I only know that the drafts were generally for [three?] months one month or longer of [?] now dec'd was drafted & went with me to Fairfield, but I cannot procure any testimony of this service.

I further state that I have not any record of my age or discharge from service.

I am aged one & a half older than my brother Everand Curtiss. I am well known to Elam Hawley Esq, [?] at s'd Trumbull & to Silas Pretoes formerly of s'd

Trumbull but now of Berkshire where same testify to my character. I cannot procure the testimony of a clergyman as the clergyman in Trumbull has been recently settled.

The said Andrew Curtiss 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. (Signed) Andrew Curtiss.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Fitch Wheeler, Judge &c