

Pension Application for William Cuthbert

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Declaration of William Cuthbert in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress Passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in the town of Batavia in and for the County of Genesee in the State of New York, being a court of record and having a seal, William Cuthbert, aged eighty seven years on the 1st July 1832, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

That on or about the last of February 1777 while he was residing in Saratoga, Saratoga County N.Y. he went to Albany and enlisted in the New State Militia for nine months as an artificer under Capt. Garret Fisher and in a crops commanded by Genl Philip Schuyler—that on the 1st March 1777 he started from Albany and went to Ticonderoga and remained there about four months and then came home on a furlough and did not return again to Ticonderoga, as the Fort was evacuated before his furlough expired.

That he then took his family and moved to Dutchess County, in a place called Nine Partners and as soon as he got a house for his family, he enlisted for eight months in the New York State Militia as a soldier under Capt. John Rowe and as he thinks in the fore part of August 1777—that Graham and Hopkins were colonels—that at this time the whole country was in alarm. That he marched directly to Albany and arrived the next day after the news of the Battle of Bennington arrived—that he then went to VanSchaick's Island, and thence soon after to Bemis Heights and remained under arms near a log fence all of one day and the next day was ordered into Gen. Glover's Brigade and on that day the battle began where applicant was stationed on the day previous that he was not in the battle. After the battle, the Regiment to which he belonged was ordered to go to a ridge, which had a hollow on both sides and remain there with a bough in our hands, as we expected an attack—while there an attack was made upon a piece of cannon which was taken and attached three times—that Gen. Gates commanded the Americans—that Burgoyne retreated and our army crossed over Fisher's Creek—that he was out during all this campaign, until after Burgoyne was taken, when he was verbally dismissed on or about the last of October and he went home.—That he served at this last period three months.

That in the spring of 1778, while he was still residing at Nine Partners, in Dutchess County N.Y. he was drafted and served one month under Capt. Kip in Col. Hopkin's Regiment Graham was a Col. or Lieut Col. And was stationed all the time at West Point—was verbally dismissed and went home.--

That he remained at home a short time when he was drafted again and served another month at West Point under Capt. Haddock and Lieutenant Smith—that he was out for so short a period and was only a guard he did not become acquainted with any of the Field or Continental Officers—and that he cannot recollect the precise time when he served the said two tours except that it was in the spring.—

That in the Spring of 1779 he was drafted again and served on month under Capt. Husted and Lieut. Smith at Esopus near Kingston—when he was verbally discharged and went home.--that he was a guard at Esopus for the service—That he never received any discharge and has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person living by whom he can prove them.

That he was born in Old Providence Rhode Island on the 1st July 1745—that he has no record of his age at present—but that he had a Bible on which was a record, and which is now destroyed—that he moved from Nine Partners, in Dutchess County soon after the war to Pittstown, in Rensselaer County, New York, and resided there about twenty years—then lived in Manlius, Onondaga Co. N.Y. about 6 years—in Pittstown aforesaid again about 7 years in Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N.Y. same time, a few years. Then in Pittstown again, and that he has resided with his children in different places and at different times in the State of New York, and for so many different periods that it is impossible for him to recollect all of them. That he has resided in [Barre?] in the County of Orleans, formerly County of Genesee and in Pembroke, Genesee County N.Y. seven or eight years.

That Moses Holmes and Lemuel B. Cuthbert, reside in his neighborhood, are acquainted with him, and can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood, sufficiently acquainted with him whose testimony he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) William Cuthbert.

Subscribed & Sworn to the day and year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk