

Pension Application for Robert English

S.10632

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 9th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred thirty two personally appeared before me Martin Keeler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Delaware aforesaid and State of New York Robert English resident in the county of Delaware and state of New York about sixty four years who being by me 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, 1862 that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the following of the officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the year 1776 in the month of January in a company of [?] commanded by Captain Moody in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lamb in the Continental line line [sic] of the army for the term of three years in where I served one year and six months and was then taken a prisoner at the taking of Fort Montgomery by the British during this time I was stationed at Forts Constitution, Montgomery & was wounded by a sword cut I was then taken with about seventy other prisoners to the City of New York.

I was then put in to a Stone Church from there I was taken and put in to the Sugar House and I remained a prisoner for the term of eighteen months when I was exchanged. There was in the Sugar House about three hundred persons out of which number about on hundred and seventy [?] with hunger and cold.

I was exchanged with others, in all fifteen and I then returned to the American Army & joined them at West Point in the State of New York. I then joined the same company commanded by Captain Moody who was then stationed at West Point and I remained in his company one year at that place which I think was in 1779 I still remained with the company until I made up three years service without including any time that I was a prisoner and I think in the winter 1780 in what was called the hard winter. I was discharged by Colonel Lamb which discharge has been lost.

Colonel belonged to General Knox's division of the Army of the Revolution I frequently saw General Knox one time at [?] in the State of New Jersey. I was stationed with the army one winter in the State of New Jersey in the same company commanded by Captain Moody & Genl Knox had the command of the division the year in cannot recollect.

The following Interrogatories were by me propounded.

1st Where and what year were you born. Ans. In the town of Conner in the County of Antriam in the north part of Ireland in the year 1748 I emigrated to this country in the year 1774 and landed at Philadelphia in August after that I inlsited [sic] in the army of the United States.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. Ans. I have none.

3rd. Where were you living when you entered the services of the United States— where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. Answer In Ireland before I came to America and after that I lived a time in the town of Montgomery in the County of Orange in the State of New York. Since the Revolutionary War I lived about thirteen years in the same place in the town of Montgomery since that time I have lived in the town of [?] in the County of Delaware and State of New York where I now live.

4th How were you called into service where you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Answer. I enlisted in to the service of the United States in the Continental line of the army as a volunteer under Captain Andrew Moody in a company of Artillery.

5th State the names of some of the officers of the regular army who went with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. General Knox I saw in New Jersey he had the command of the Regmt of New York State Troops belonging to the line of the army and Captain Moody had the command of the company to which I belonged I saw Genl Putnam at Peekskill I saw Genl James Clinton he had the command at Fort Montgomery at the time it was taken by the British at which time, was taken a prisoner general Brown was at the Fort Montgomery and commanded three companies of Artillery one of which Captain Moody commanded which company I belonged to.

6th Did ever you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. I did one discharge from Colonel Lamb at West Point in the State of New York at the time I left the service which discharge I have lots.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier in the revolution. Their names are [blank]

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Robert English

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Martin Keeler.

Letter in folder dated June 5, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary war pension claim S.10632 it appears that Robert English was born in 1748 in Conner, County of Antrim, Ireland and emigrated to this country in 1774, landing in Philadelphia in August.

While a resident of Montgomery, Orange County, New York he enlisted in January 1776, served as a private in Captain Andrew Moody's Company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery, was captured at the taking of Fort Montgomery (where he received a sword out wound),k put in the "Sugar House" in New York City and held a prisoner for eighteen months; was then exchanged, rejoined his said company and regiment and served on and one half more.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, while living in Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.