

Pension Application for William Headman

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City of Philadelphia

State of Pennsylvania SS.

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Sessions now sitting, William Headman, a resident of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania aged 86 years: 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 the 7th 1832.

In the commencement of the war, was in New York, when the two British ships of War, the Asia 74 guns and the Phoenix 64 guns, lay off the city and fired on it at that time was one who helped to serve and carry off the Kings stores, and removed a large quantity of pick axes, Hoe's, and chopping axe's &c agreeably to orders.

After returning to Philadelphia, was enrolled in the Militia and did City Duty for above eighteen months, was then attach'd as a volunteer to the company of Capt. Folk, Lieut Barker, Coll Smith and Genl Erwin, was at the Battle of Brandywine, after the battle march'd to Philad'a from thence up the Schuylkill to to Sweeds-forge near Norristown was at or near PittsGrove, furlow to return home after which I was attach'd to the Powder-Mills in the manufacturing of Powder.

After the British left Philadelphia, I was again attach'd to a company and under Seargent [sergeant] Rudolph, doing City duty, guarding the Goal and Statehouse, near five months. Knew General Washington and saw him just before the Battle of Brandywine, view Genl Hampden, Genl Roberts, Barron Steuben, Coll Wollbert, was well acquainted with Genl [Miflian?].

I was born in Germany, came to this country in the year 1767, was 21 years of age when I arrived do.

Has no papers or discharge. Has never been enroll'd on any pension list, nor received any pension or other [emolument?] from the State or United States.—

He, with [?] proof as he is able to offer, vests his application on the General government. (Signed) William John Headman

Sworn and subscribed the day & year above written, City County and State aforesaid. Barth'm Graves, Clk [??] Phila County.