

Pension Application for William House

S.22834

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Gilbert Ogden Fowler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of orange aforesaid (said court being a Court of Record) William House of the Town of Cornwall in the County of Orange aforesaid aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

In the month of February in the year 1776 deponent enlisted for one year in the year's service in a company of militia commanded by Captain Amos Hutchins of which company Patton Jackson was first Lieutenant and Robert Wood second Lieutenant George Johnson Ensign and in the month of March thereafter we were ordered to the City of New York and attached to the Regiment of Colonel Richmore of which Weisenvelt was Lieutenant Colonel one Patton was Major of the Regiment & his brother adjutant. We served in the City of New York until the British troops had taken possession of it, which was some short time after the battle of Long Island which took place in the latter part of the month of August in that year.

We were then driven to Harlaem [Harlem] Marsh, at this place a battle was fought, one Regiment was drawn out for battle, but before he received orders to march the British gave way and retreated. We then retreated to White Plains where a battle was fought, & in the latter part of the month of November in the year last aforesaid, in which battle the British were successful.

At the Battle at Harlaem General Washington and General McDougall were present and General McDougall commanded at the battle of White Plains. Deponent cannot now recollect the names of any other general officers nor does he now recollect the names of the Regiments which were engaged at each of the said battles. The battle of White Plains was fought in the latter part of the month of November in the year 1776 according to deponent's recollection and belief.

After the battle last mentioned the American Army retreated to Peekskill and our Company and Regiment was discharged there about the twentieth day of December in the year last aforesaid. Isaac Parker of the Town of Cornwall aforesaid whose affidavit is hereunto annexed belonged to the same company and served the same times and was honorably discharged on the same day & at the same place with this deponent.

And in answer to the Interrogatories specially put to deponent in pursuance of the Instructions of the Secretary of War he on his oath saith that he was born in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty six at [Harvestraw] Haverstraw then County of Orange, now County of Rockland—

That he has no record of his age. That he lived at Harvestraw when called into service, that he lived there until after the revolutionary war and then removed to Cornwall in the County aforesaid, where deponent now lives.

That he volunteered to serve in said Company of Captain Hutchins for one year.

That he cannot state the names of any other officers or troops than those before named.

Deponent never received a written discharge but was honorably discharged and paid off at Peekskill aforesaid.

That he is know it Isaac Parker before named and John Winfield Esquire of his neighbourhood, who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And deponent also saith that owing to old age and the infirmities consequent thereunto he is not able to obtain [?] nor will he be able in his opinion to attend court without [???]life.

That the next Court of Common Pleas will be held at Goshen on the third day of December next at a distance of thirty miles from the residence of this deponent to which deponent will not able to go. He has therefore been conveyed by water to the office of Walter Case Esquire in the Village of NewBurgh for the purpose of making application for his pension before Gilbert Ogden Fowler Esquire.

He 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 with his mark) William House

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Gilbert Ogden Flower one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.