

Pension Application for Obadiah Howland

S.10861

State of New York

County of Putnam SS.

On this fifteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two before me Frederick Stow first Judge of the County Court in Putnam County and State of New York personally came Obadiah Howland a resident of Patterson in said County aged seventy seven years who being by me 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated. This deponent enlisted as an artificer a wheel wright in Captain Anthony Posts Company of Artificers in Colonel John Lambs Regiment which company then belonged to [?] attached to the said regiment. This deponent enlisted into the said company in the summer of one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight for the term of two years' service—that this deponent served the whole of said term of two years faithfully—

That after this deponent enlisted into the said company this deponent joined the same and was stationed at Fredericksburgh in the County of Dutchess and State of New York where this deponent remained until the next summer after the said enlistment when this deponent and a part of the said company under Lieutenant Brunen went to West Point when this deponent and that part of the said company who went with him were employed in making carriages for cannon and the mounting of cannon this deponent staid at West Point until some time in the fall ensuing when the cold weather commenced—

Then this deponent together with the Lieutenant and that part of the said company which went to West Point returned to Fredericksburgh where this deponent was employed in the said service until the summer of one thousand seven hundred & eighty when this deponent's term was fully complete and ended—then received from Captain Post an honorable discharge which has for many years been casually lost or destroyed.

This deponent has no documentary evidence of his service the deponent is well acquainted with Abial Sherman of Pawlings in Dutchess County who was in the service with this deponent and who can in some manner prove the same this deponent is also acquainted with Benjamin [?] who resides in Patterson in Putnam County formerly called Fredericksburgh in the County od Dutchess and who can also corroborate the part of this deponent's service.

This deponent 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.

To the Interrogatories required by the Secretary at War and put by me the said Judge the said deponent further declares upon his oath aforesaid. That the deponent has always understood and believes that he was born in the State of Rhode Island in a

town then called Dartmouth and was born in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty five as this deponent has received and kept his age but has no record of his age except one made a few ago in his bible which is now in his possession and which agrees herewith.

That this deponent has always understood that he moved from Rhode Island with his fathers family to the [?] in Dutchess County and State of New York where the family resided for a few year and afterwards moved to Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County Now called Patterson Putnam County and State of New York where this deponent resided when he entered into the company and service aforesaid and where he has continued to reside since the revolutionary war. This deponent entered the service as above stated voluntarily by enlistment.

This deponent while in the service aforesaid and which standing sentry saw General Washington but does not now recollect the names of the officers whom he saw beside said troops at different times which in the service but does not now remember what—this deponent at the end of his said service received a discharge from Captain Post which this deponent has frequently seen since among his papers but which has for some years past been casually lost or destroyed.

That the names of Abial Sherman and Benjamin Cowl as those who can testify as to the character of this deponent for truth and veracity.

This deponent is infirm for some years and for the last year has scarcely stepped out of his door unless assisted by his friends. (Signed with his mark)
Obadiah Howland

Subscribed and sworn to the 15th day of September 1832 before me. Frederic Stow first Judge of Putnam County Courts.