

Pension Application for Adonijah Middaugh

R.7157

State of Ohio

Brown County SS.

On this twenty [blank] day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty [two?] Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Brown aforesaid now sitting Adonijah Middaugh a resident of the County of Brown and State of Ohio aged about seventy one years as Stated to him by his parents when they were living who 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the County of Orange –then [?] in the State of New York in the month of February as he believes in the year 1778 as a volunteer under Capt Yeal Tyler Commanded the company and Ephriam Middaugh this deponent's father was ensign. The company were then marched to [Vantiles?] where they bilt a fourt, [fort] which was called afterwards Vantiles faurt [fort] where he remained nine months at one to keep garrison at the said faurt. The Indians and toryes was so trablesam [troublesome] that there had to be a Continul [continual] gard [guard] kept up to protect the well dispared? inhabitants after remaining at faurt aforesaid nine months he was discharged and went home.

Sometime in the early part of July 1779 as he beleaves the selebrated Indian warrior Brant, with about 60 Indians and some tories made an attack o[celebrated] n what was cald [called] Minisink Settlement in Orange County in New York burned and destroyed a number of houses & barnes [barns] and mill and burned Major Deckers fourt, and wound[ed] the major then he believes on the twentieth of July the militia of Goshen Town and vicinity [calluted?] to the amount of about 140 or 50 men under the command of Col. Tustan & Genal Haythons and persued the enemy and when they watched where Major Decker faurt was burn.

This deponent and others was sent back Vantiles fork and the man body of the men pursued the enemy over took them near Beaverbrook on the Delawar[e] River, where the Indians defeated our men and the 23 day of July 1877 and kill[ed] Ephriam Middaugh this deponent farther Col Tustand, Capt Tyler, Adjent Vinch & many others. This deponent remained at Vantiles faurt for five months. He then engaged under Major Abriham Harden to go with him for nine months, as what was cal'd a water [waiter?] for the major and served with out the nine months and was frequently sent by the Major with orders from him to Different points & Places as the alarms was frequent and often as ocation [occasion] required, and when his nine months was out for which he had engaged with Major Harden, the magor insisted that he should remain with him in the service which he did for more than two years & then he returned home to his mother who was then a widow & remained to the balance of his life.

His first tour was nine month sis second five months his third nine months, the balance with Magor Harden make two years and upward which he served the United Sattes and for which time he claims a pension.

He was born in the County Orange in the State of New York in the year 1762 as stated to him by his Parents while living as he has no record of his age. Me moved from Orange County, to Cuyahoga] New York where he resided about six years from there he removed removed [sic] to the State of Ohio Brown County where he now resides and has for 23 years past.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Elizabeth Bloom.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pention [pension] or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension seal of the agency in any state. (Signed) Adonijah Middaugh

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. G. W. King