

## **Pension Application for Cornelius Middaugh**

R.7156

State of Pennsylvania

Pike County SS.

On the twenty eighth day of April eighteen hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County—Cornelius Maddaugh of the township of Milford County of Pike and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy two 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 the seventh day of June 1832.

The Deponent says from the information received from his parents he was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July seventeen hundred and sixty two in the county of Norampton afterwards Wayne now Pike in the Township of now Milord above [?] at the present time resides and where he has continued to live from his infancy to this present time.

That he has no record of his age but that the record of his age was burnt or destroyed by the Indians at the time of the burning of the place called Minisink and the country along the Delaware River near the junction of the Nevasink River with the Delaware.

That he entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer about the month of April Seventeen hundred and seventy eight under the following officers viz: Lieutenant Bull Captain Thomas Edsall Major Meaker and Colonel Tusting of orange County of the New York Militia and served that year as such under said officers four months was stationed at a place called [?] on the East side of the River Delaware in the County of Orange which said fort was commanded by said Lieutenant Bull and that this deponent during said term of service with others frequently made excursions through the mountains and surrounding country in order to join and give information to the inhabitants of the frontiers of any danger that might threaten them from the approach of the hostile Indians who had and were frequently making incursions upon our [?] –

That in the fall of the same year he returned home with his father on the west side of the River Delaware where he remained during the winter.

That in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine in the month of April he again returned to the same fort and entered into the service of the United States which was that year commanded by Captain Abraham Westfall under Major Decker of Orange County N. Your West militia (Lieutenant Bull and his company having been that spring called off or removed) and continued in said Fort in manner above stated until about the twentieth day of July when the fort was burnt and destroyed by the Indians at which time the record of his age was burnt or destroyed and the barns and barracks of this deponent s father was also burnt.

At the near approach of the Indians owing to their very superior numbers and from the said fort was abandoned this deponent with the others who were stationed at said fort were pursued and driven across the Delaware River which they [?] by fording and entered the fort called Vanaukens Fort alias Fort Defiance which was then

commanded by Jacob Dewitt of Col. Stroud's Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia and shortly after this deponents arrival the said Fort was attacked by the Indians who after considerable skirmishing were repulsed at which place he remained two days.

This fort was situate on the West Bank of the Delaware in the County of Pike he then returned with other son the East Side of the Delaware River and was Stationed at a place called Vanauken's Fort in the County of Orange under the command of Lieutenant Elijah Vanauken & the said Captain Abraham Westfall where he remained for a term of three months making in all a service that year of six months

In the fall of the same year he returned home where he spent the winter in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty he again entered into the service of the United Sates as a volunteer commencing in the month of May, was stationed at a place called Westfall Fort on the West bank of the Delaware River commanded by Lieutenant Simeon Westfall under Captain Jacob Dewitt of Colonels Stroud's Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia and served that year a term of six months after which he again returned home.

That in the spring of the following year seventeen hundred eighty one in the month of April he again entered this service in the manner as aforesaid and was stationed at the sais Westfall's fort where he continued a term, of six months, making in all a service of twenty two months. That the officers under whom this deponent served as to the best of his belief dead that he never received a written charge from any of the said officers that this deponent is known to Davis Westfall and Peter Vanauken whom this deponent believes will testify to his services and his character for truth and veracity.

That there is no clergyman being in the neighbourhood of this deponent nor has there lived any for many years past who is acquainted with this Deponent.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present.

He declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.  
(Signed with his mark) Cornelius Middaugh

Sworn & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid J. H. Broadhead  
Proty. Pike County SS