

Pension Application for Obadiah Purdy

S.23855

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester in the State of New York, now sitting Obadiah Purdy a resident of the town of Yorktown in the said County aged eighty five 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated, that is to say; he entered the said service as a first Lieutenant in a company of Levies of the State of New York sometime in the month of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six for the term of six months in the company commanded by Captain James Cronkite or Cronk (as it was known by both of said names) and was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas that he served the said term in the said company and regiment and was at the expiration thereof which was on or about the first of January 1777, verbally discharged from said service at Peekskill in the said County of West Chester; that at the time he entered the service as aforesaid he resided at Crompond in the then manor of Cortlandt, now town of Yorktown, in said County; and immediately upon his entering the service at the time aforesaid marched to Kingsbridge near the City of New York and there joined the American Army under the command of General Washington, which was then lying in and about the said city; that he was in the army in its retreat from thence to White Plains in the said County of West Chester, and was in the battle at that place in September 1776; that after the battle, he was with the army in its retreat through the said County of West Chester to Peekskill in the northern part thereof and continued in the service in and about that place, until the expiration of said term and was then and there discharged as aforesaid, that he was afterwards in the service, in the militia of the State of New York at different times during the war of the Revolution for periods of from one to ten days, but cannot state with any precision the date of such services for what they would amount to in the whole.

And the declarant further states that he was born in the said County of West Chester in the year 1747 at Crompond; that he has no record of his age; that at the time he entered the service he resided at said Crompond, and has always resided there with the exception of a few years during which he resided in the adjoining town of Somers, and that he now resides at said Crompond; that he entered the service as a volunteer.

That the only regular officers he now recollects, who were with the troops where he served are generals Washington, Putnam & MacDougal and General George Clinton

of the State troops of New York, That he was verbally discharged from the service; that he was appointed a lieutenant and served as such in the said company of Captain Cronhite during the said six months but he does not now distinctly recollect whether or not he received his commission as such Lieutenant, if he did; it is lost or destroyed; that he received a commission of second Lieutenant in the year 1775 in the militia of the then Colony of new York; that said commission bears date the 20th day of September 1775 and is signed by John Haring chairman of the committee of safety of the Colony of New York; which commission is hereto annexed; that he has no documentary evidence of his service, but that his services as first Lieutenant in Captain Cronkhite's Company of the term of six months and for which he claims a pension is proved by the affidavits of Robert P. Lee Esquire, Robert Travis & that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are.

Robert P. Lee and Seth Whitney of the town of Yorktown in said County that there is no clergyman in his vicinity.

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) Obediah Purdy

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of October 1832 before me.

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