

Pension Application for Robert Stewart

S.23438

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Robert Stewart a resident of the town of Salem in the County of Washington and State of New York of the age of sixty seven 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 officers and served as therein stated.—

That he entered as substitute for his brother William in the town of Salem aforesaid about the last of May 1782 into Captain Anthony Whelps (1) company of New York State Militia and Col. Marinus Willet's Regiment that when he joined the company they were stationed in Salem aforesaid and that they were there on garrison duty all the time he was out except once they went to Argyle in said County on an alarm when it was said that Indians or Tories were there the company he understood were discharged at Schenectady. He did not go there for a discharge his brother taking his place the latter part of December the same year.

That at the time aforesaid the County of Washington & Saratoga were frontier counties and that the military service of the company to which he belonged consisted in guarding the frontiers in going on scouting parties and defending the inhabitants and their property from the depredations of the tories and Indians that he has no documentary evidence to prove his services that Asa Fitch and Thomas Boyd were known to him when he served in the war of the Revolution that they served in the same company. That he is known in his neighbourhood by Abraham Allen, John William, Jesse L. Billings, Alexander Proudfit.

That he was born in the town of Cold Rain in the State of Massachusetts the 3d Nov'm 1766. (2) Has a record of his age in his family bible was living in the aforesaid town of Salem when he entered the service and has resided there ever since cannot state the names of any of the regular officers other than as above.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) Robert Stewart

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh. Clk

End Notes—S.23438—Robert Stewart

1. Anthony Whelp Was appointed Captain on April 10, 1782, in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. By July of 1782, Captain Whelp was discharged as he did; not recruit enough men to form a company. William Stewart, Thomas Body and Asa Fitch were then put into Captain Abraham Livingston's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. There is not record of

Robert serving as a substitute for his brother William but Robert was allowed a pension on the testimony of Asa Fitch and Thomas Boyd.

2. Robert Wasn't of legal age to serve until he was sixteen but by serving as a substitute for his brother it may have been acceptable practice at the time. Robert would have been on turning 16 years of age enrolled in the militia company near Salem, Charlotte County (Now Washington County). His brother William served as a private in captain Edward Long's Company in Colonel John William's First Regiment of Charlotte County Militia. A. Robert Sweeny served as the first lieutenant in Captain Long's Company and may be the father of this Robert.