

Pension Application for Ashbel W. Treat

S.11579

State of New York

County of Cattaraugus SS

On this 3d day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid—now sitting Ashbel W. Treat a resident of freedom in the county and state aforesaid aged 69 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz:

That he volunteered in the latter part of May 1778 at New Lebanon, Albany Co., N.Y. under Capt. Thadeus Nobles, Lieut Samuel Rexford. Went from New Lebanon viz Albany, Schoharie, to Coberskill [Cobleskill]. After about two weeks returned as far as Schoharie, Capt. Nobles' Company occupied two forts at Schoharie till the latter part of November 1778 when the company was discharged by Capt. Nobles. Capt Nobles company belonged to Col. Vrooman's Regiment, of the New York line. He served 6 months as musician.

Again, the latter part of May 1780 he entered the service as substitute for Theaus Treat under Capt Edward Bostwick, Lieut (or Ensign) Calender at New Lebanon, N.Y. marched from New Lebanon via Livingston's Manor & Fishkill to Peekskill, N.Y. and joined Regiment under Col. Livingston and brigade, then commanded by Col. Graham. After a short stay at Peekskill marched with the Brigade to West Point, thence to Dobb's Ferry after staying at Dobb's Ferry 3 or 4 weeks went with Brigade to Stony Point, remained here till near September, when the Brigade went to Albany. In about a week after getting to Albany Col. Livingston's regiment was ordered to Fort Edward. From Fort Edward, Capt. Bostwick's Company was ordered to Palmertown to guard a block house, continued at the block house till some time in November 1780 & as then discharged by Capt. Bostwick after having served 5 ½ months as musician.

Again in fall of 1781 was called out twice on alarms, served each time under Capt. Gideon King, belonging to Col. Waterman's Regiment, marched both times from New Lebanon via Albany & Bemis Heights to Schenectady N.Y., once went on an excursion toward Schoharie came back to Schenectady, was discharged each time at Schenectady. In both tours served about 6 weeks.

Mr. John Law is living who can testify to the last mentioned services. He knows of no one living who can testify to the other services, neither has he any written evidence of his services. He was born at Spencertown, Albany Co., N.Y., November 22d 1762. He has no written record of his age. Since the war, has lived in Granville N.Y. in Aurelius N.Y. in Henrietta N.Y. He now lives in Freeman N.Y., he never received a written discharge.

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) Ashbel W.Treat.

Subscribed and sworn the day and year first above written. Israel Day, Judge.
As above

Letter in folder dates May 2, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Ashabel William Treat, la soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.11579, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Ashbel Woodbridge Treat.

He was born November 22, 1762 at Spencertown, Albany County, New York. He stated that he had an uncle named Ashbel and that his father's mother was a Woodbridge, and that he was "named after them both".

He enlisted at New Lebanon, New York, the latter part of May, 1777 and served five and one half months as fifer in Captain Thaddeus Noble's company in Colonel Vrooman's New York regiment. He enlisted the latter part of May, 1778 and served as a substitute for Theaus (?) Treat (no relation;;ship to soldier stated) for five months as fifer in Captain Elijah Bostwick's company in Colonels Graham's and Livingston's New York regiment. In the summer and fall of 1779, three tours of three weeks each as fifer in Captain Gideon King's company in Colonel Waterman's New York regiment.

After the Revolution he lived in Granville, New York, Aurelius, New York, Henrietta, New York and Freedom, Cattaraugus County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, then a resident of Freedom, New York.

In 1846 he was residing in Otto, New York and in 1848 in Arcade, Wyoming County, New York.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.