

Pension Application for Josiah Warner

R.11147 (Widow: Olive)

State of New York

Columbia County SS

Josiah Warner of the Village of Athens, County of Greene in said State being sworn says that he is eighty six years of age, that in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill he received a Commission of 2d Lieutenant under the Provincial Congress & served as such Lieut three or four years is not positive which—that he then received a commission of first Lieutenant & so acted till the close of the Revolutionary war. He is not positive by whom the Commissions were subscribed—but thinks the 2d one was by Gov. Clinton, says those commissions are lost & can not now be found.

William B. Whiting was the Colonel under whom he served & Philip Frisbee was Capt during his second Lieutenantcy & on the promotion of Capt Frisbee. Ebenezer Cady first Lieut being advanced to the rank of Capt this deponent received his said commission of first Lieut.

This Deponent was in the retreat from Fort George. He was the first who led troops to protect Cherry Valley in said State was in the battle with Johnson, Butler, & Brant in Pallantine [Palatine] on the Mohawk River, was quarter master during one campaign under Col. Whiting & while acting as such received two receipts (one of which is enclosed herewith).

He was in service at Stillwater at the time Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] was taken & in numerous other companies & skirmishes to many to mention & further says not.
(Signed) Josiah Warner

Subscribed & sworn before me this 21st June 1832. J. W. Fairfield, one of the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson.

Letter in folder dated January 19, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.11147, it appears that Josiah Warner was born in March, 1745, in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

From Wetherfield he moved to Old Canaan, Connecticut, then to New Canaan, Columbia County, New York. He moved to New Concord (which was later called Chatham) Columbia County, New York, in 1772 and lived there when he entered the service.

He stated that in 1775, soon after the battle of Bunker Hill, he was commissioned second lieutenant in Captain Philip Frisbie's Company in Colonel William B. Whiting's New York Regiment, was promoted to first lieutenant in said regiment, served a campaign as quartermaster, was in the retreat from Fort George, at the capture of Burgoyne, in the battle at Palatine on the Mohawk River and served until the close of the Revolution.

He applied for pension June 21, 1832, at which time he was living in Athens, green County, New York. The claim was not allowed as proof of service, as required by the pension laws, was not furnished.

Josiah Warner died July 6, 1832, in Athens, New York.

He married in November, 1769, Olive Jackson who was born in Voluntown, Connecticut, about 1751. In December, 1832, she was living in Athens, New York.

William J. or I. Warner stated in 1832 that he was the only surviving son of Josiah and Olive Warner.