

Pension Application for John Weagar or Weagear

R.11227

County of Summit

State of Ohio

On this 2nd day of July 1840 personally appeared before the subscriber an associate Judge of said Court of Common Pleas, John Wager of Copley in said County of Summit & State of Ohio, aged seventy seven years, on the 12th day of June 1840, 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.

I further say that I entered the service of the United States in the month of July 1777, as a volunteer in the Militia under the following officers, Col. Peter Yates, was the commanding officer of the Regiment, Captain Henry Vandenhooft was the Commander of the Company [sic] of the company to which I belonged, the other officers, I cannot now recollect.

I was born in the County of Dutchess, Town of Rhinebeck & State of New York on the 12th day of June 1764—My father moved with his family from Dutchess County to Pittstown in the County of Rensselaer, just before the Revolutionary War commenced, where they remained, except once during the time they with the inhabitants of Pittstown were driven from their homes by the Indians.

I entered the service at Pittstown, which I think was then called Cooksborough—Captain Vandenhooft's company was first embodied to defend the inhabitants against the Indians—afterwards was attached to Col. Peter Yates Regiment—a part of the company was at Lansingburgh during the summer, I was with that part of the company—I was then only [?] years old, I was put to such service as I could perform—from age, infirmities & defect of memory, I cannot state all the particulars of the service.

In the month of October we went to Saratoga stayed there till the last of October or first of November, was not in any action during my term of service—the next year the company had not much to do, mostly engaged in watching the Tories, transporting baggage &c. In 1778, or 9 we lay a part of the time at Saratoga.

I was discharged by Col. Peter Yates in 1780—In 1779, while we lay at Saratoga I took a spy while on sentry one night & carried him to the Guard house & delivered him up – don't know what became of him—can prove my service only my Michael Francisco, whose certificate is herewith enclosed—I have no documentary evidence whatever.

I have not applied for a pension because my health has been so bad that I could not get from home to attend to the business ever since & before the time of the passage of the act of June 7th, 1832.

Soon after the Revolutionary War ended I went to Pownal in the State of Vermont where I was married. I removed from there to Amsterdam more than 50 years ago, I removed directly from Amsterdam to Copley about 6 years ago where I still reside.

I cannot tell what Continental Regiments or companies served there at that time, I was not acquainted with any of the Continental officers—nor can I now recollect any of the names.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. And I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory whatever. I have a record of my age in my family bible, once in the Dutch Bible & [?] in the English.

I never received a written discharge as I can now recollect, if I did it is lost.

Nathaniel Averill, William Brewer & Lawrence Brewer, who are residents of Copley in said County of Summit & state aforesaid & with whom I am acquainted, will testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my having served in the army of the Revolution. (Signed) John Weager

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this second day of July 1840. R. K. Dubois, Associate Judge.

Letter in folder dated July 11, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.11227, it appears that John Weagar was born June 12, 1764, in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, and moved with his father, whose name is not stated, to Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York.

He applied for pension July 2, 1840, at which time he was residing in Copley, Summit County, Ohio, and alleged that while a resident of Pittstown, New York, he enlisted in July 1777, and served at various times in Captain Henry Vanderhoof's Company, Colonel Peter Yates' New York Regiment until in 1780 or 1781.

The claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of six months service.

He stated that soon after the Revolution was over, he went to Pownal, Vermont, where he was married, and moved from there to Amsterdam, New York, and from there to Copley, Ohio.

It also appeared in said claim that the soldier married in 1783, Margaret, her maiden name is not given.

He died August 12, 1851.

Son James was fifty-two years of age in 1852, and residing in Copley, Ohio.

There are no further data relative to children.

[In handwriting on the letter: *I did not say anything about the date of death of wife Margaret [?] as stated that she died in 1798 & that he was in 1852 52 years of age, so he would have been born in 1800.* The latter had to be a son to whom he was referring.]