

Pension Application for William Webb

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State of Connecticut

County of Middlesex SS

East Haddam

Probate District of East Haddam

On this 4th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate for the District of East Haddam, being a Court of Record having a Clerk and seal, now sitting William Webb a resident of the town of Saybrook in the County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut aged eighty five years, who first being 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 herein stated.

1st That in the month of June in the year 1775 he belonged to a Company of Militia in the town of Southhold County of Suffolk on Long Island in the State of New York, commanded by a Capt. Young, that early in the month of June he was ordered by the Captain of the Company to be one of the guard that was taken from that Company to be one of the guard that was taken from that Company and stationed at Oyster pond point in the town of Southhold. The guard was stationed at that place for the purpose of looking out for the British fleet and boats that lay off to the East of Gardners Island.

Some of the men from the fleet had previous to that time been on Gardners Island in barges and shot and taken the cattle.

That your deponent continued upon guard for the space of two months—when the rest of the company was ordered to that place and the guard dismissed—the company as Deponent thinks staid at the Point until the Fleet left that vicinity.

Your deponent knows of no living witness that can testify to his service. All those who were with deponent being either dead or removed beyond the knowledge of the Deponent—and he has no documentary evidence in support of the same.

2nd Your deponent afterwards in the month f of recollect into a company of which Jonathan Bailey was Captain one Terry was Lieutenant—the name of the Ensign the deponent does not recollect—the name of the orderly sergeant was Benjamin Iting—they then embarked on board a sloop for New York—where (when they arrived) they joined a Regiment under the command of Col. Hurlburt. The name of the Major was David—The regiment belonged to the Brigade of Genl Scott.

There were some continental regiments at that time in New York, but the number your deponent does not know.

Your deponent recollects to have seen General Washington several times while in New York and also General Putnam—Your deponent quartered in a house not far from the Middle of the City.

Your deponent was present at the execution of Thomas Hickie one of Genl Washington's lifeguard who had devised a plot to destroy him—

The brigade to which Deponent belonged was ordered out to see him hung.

Your deponent after having been in New York about three months was taken sick, but continued to draw his rations & pay till the time of his enlistment expired—and while sick he was as he was informed appointed a sergeant, but did not as he recollects receive any warrant, he was before a corporal, your deponent continued sick for several weeks, but could obtain no discharge and was returned sick, absent having been permitted to go home.

Your deponent has no documentary evidence in support of his claim and knows of no witness by whom his services can be proved.

The deponent was born in the town of Southold County of Suffolk on Long Island State of New York on the 19th September 1746—The deponent has no record of his age except what is in a family bible.

The deponent when called into the service lived in the town of Southold County of Suffolk on Long Island State of New York.

The Deponent has since lived in New London in Connecticut about six months and ever since that in Saybrook Conn his present place of residence where he has lived more than fifty years.

That when he was on guard he volunteered—and afterwards on the tour to New York he enlisted your deponent does not recollect the names of any regular officers with whom he served save those he has already mentioned Genl Washington & Genl Putnam there were several continental and militia regiments at New York while your deponent was there but the number he does not know.

Your Deponent has mentioned most of the prominent circumstances connected with his service.

He never received any discharge from the service.

His is known to Judge Pratt. Joshua A. Homedieu Esqr, George Pratt Esqr and most of the other inhabitants of Saybrook who can testify to his character and belief of his services—as a soldier of the revolution.

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) Wm Webb

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Eliphalet A. Bulkeley
Judge of said Court.