

### **Pension Application for Joseph Webster**

W.19603 (Widow: Keziah) Keziah Benedict married Joseph Webster September 25, 1791. Joseph died January 16, 1838.

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State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester, Joseph Webster a resident of the town of South Salem in said County aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That is to say that some time in the month of August in the year 178 this declarant enlisted as a private soldier in the company commanded by Capt Joseph Benedict in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Holmes in the war of the Revolution. That shortly after the said enlistment the Declarant joined the said company and marched from Salem now South Salem to Peekskill and thence to Albany and from thence to Fort Edward in Saratoga County, and was there ordered by the officers of his company to take charge of the sick and there remained in that charge until about the month of November when he had orders to return home with the sick and was verbally discharged from further duty under said enlistment.

That the period for which the declarant enlisted he believes to have been four or five months and that he continued in actual service for about three months to the best of his recollection and belief.

And the declarant further states that he again enlisted as a private soldier in the company commanded by Capt. Ebenezer Glason, in the Regiment of Col. Drake for the term of three months some time in the month of December in the year 1775 and joined said company and was marched to the City of New York and was in said company and Regiment in The s'd City and at a place called Hornes' Hook in actual service until about the first of April 1776 when this declarant was verbally discharged and returned home.

And the declarant on his oath further states that during the summer of the year 1776 he was frequently called into service in the company of Militia to which he belonged under the command of Capt Elijah Gilbert and marched with said company in the Regt of Col. Thomas Thomas to various parts of Westchester county to repel the incursions of the enemy and was occasionally detached & served under other officers and from the first of April in that year until the first of December following.

The declarant from the best of his recollection and belief has no doubt that the period of his service was three months and upwards.

And the declarant on his oath further states that some time in the Winter of the year 1776 & 1777 and as this declarant believes in the month of December 1776 he enlisted in the company of Capt. Samuel Declarant and as the declarant believes in the Regt of Col. Crane and joined the said company and marched to White Plains and other parts of Westchester, and was stationed a part of the time at Ward's house in East Chester and was in the engagement at that place when a Major Cambell of the British forces was killed, one or two others were killed and some wounded and several of said company were taken prisoners—and the declarant says he has no documentary evidence of the period of his enlistment but believes that he served at least six months therein.

And the declarant further sates that some time in the year 1778 and as he believes, in the month of April of that year he joined a company called Rangers, and were mounted and done duty on horseback commanded by Said Samuel Delevan and as he believes said company was attached to Col. Thaddeus Crane's Regt.

That he continued to serve in said company on the lines, and at various stationed, until the close of the year.

That the said company was some part of the time at North Castle Bedford Pines Bridge, & YorkTown and was employed frequently in scouting parties and formed the out guard of the American Troops in said County and wathing [waiting?] and repelling the advances of the enemy and that the period of his service in the said Company of Rangers was at least one year and seven months.

That the declarant has no documentary evidence of the exact time of his service in said Company but well recollects that he received a certificate from the Auditor of accounts, viz. Jared Banker late Treasurer of the State of New York by which the declarant was entitled to pay for one year and seven months and two weeks which certificate is lost.

And the declarant further states that from the commencement of the Revolutionary War to its termination he has no doubt of his having served in the whole for at least two years and ten months as above stated.

That he has no documentary or other evidence of his services except the annexed affidavits.

And in answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the war department the declarant further maketh oath and says.

That he was born in Poundridge in the said County of Westchester on the fourth day of January 1756.

That he has a record of his age in his family Bible now present.

That he resided at South Salem aforesaid at the several times he was called into service as aforesaid and has resided there ever since.

That the declarant always entered the service as a volunteer except when called out in the militia as aforesaid was never drafted nor a substitute.

That he recollects General Washington, Genl Putnam, Col. Drake, Col. Crane, Col Thomas, Major Nathaniel Delavan, who were with the troops where he served, and that the nature of his service was as is above stated.

That he does not recollect of ever having received a written discharge from the service but was always discharged verbally.

That this declarant is known in his present neighborhood to Stephen Gilbert Esquire and Martin Mead who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That the declarant was always a true friend to American Independence.

And that 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) Joseph Webster

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas in & for said county.