

Pension Application for Abraham Weed

S.14831

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS

On this 1th [sic] day September personally appeared in open Court before:

The Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting Abraham Weed a resident [of] the Town of Greenfield in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy three years who 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 was born in the Town of Stanford County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut on the 12th day of May 1759 according to the record of his fathers large family Bible consiquently [consequently] he was 73 years old the 12th day of May 1832 he came with his father's family in the year 1769 at the age to ten years to reside in the town of Ballston then Albany County State of New York at that time an entire wilderness country, resided there previous to and during the whole of the revolutionary war. Ballston then being a frontier town was constantly annoyed and harassed by the tories and Indians from Canada, at the first commencement of the war he equipped himself and volunteered in a company of militia commanded by Captain Teranus Collins in Col VanSchoonhoven Regiment for the defence [defense] of the country on said frontier, he was never without his arms by his side day nor night constant alarms by the inroads of the enemy was taking place on one of those incursions of the Indians and tories.

They marched a large number of the inhabtants [inhabitants] of Ballston off for Canada he with the said company of Captain Collins was ordered out and they marched in pursuit of the enemy through the woods and over took them near the Sacandaga River recaptured thirty two of the party and in this expedition of fifteen or twenty days brought them back prisoners to Ballston. It was the constant practice of the enemy piloted by the tories to surprise in the night the leading and influential men friendly to the to the [sic] country and take them off prisoner to Canada.

In one of those incursions in 1780 they took General Gordon and others off prisoners from Ballston to & at an other time in 1781 they surprised in the night & took off Judge White and others. When the alarm of the capture of Judge White was made they marched by order of Capt. [T?] White with his company barefoot through the woods in pursuit of the enemy when they arrived to the Haderroseres [Kaydeross?] Creek he took a comrade by the name of John White whose health was poor upon his back with both their equipments and waded through the creek. They pursued the enemy for a number of days without success they having eluded their march and took Judge White and others off with them to Canada.

In the spring of 1777 her comenced [commenced] a seven moths service was attached to Col Van Schoonhoven Regiment in General Schuylers divison [division] was marched from Schenectady for the relief of Fort Stanwix then besieged by the

enemy under Sir John Johnson met and express informing that the siege was raised and returned.

The marched under General Schuyler to the north and was with him in his retreat in his retreat from Stillwater afterwards in that same year he served in Col Cortlandts Regiment and Imarched to meet General Burgoyne at Saratoga while at Stillwater he was transfered [transferred] from Col. Cortlandts Regiment to Col Livingstons Regiment in General Nicksons Brigade and marched with the American troops against General Burgoyne at Saratoga, he was at the battle capture and surrender of General Burgoyne's Army in October 1q777, and marched back with the American troops to Albany, and late in the fall was discharged from seven months service by a Col Hays or Height (he thinks was the name) which discharge is now lost, again in the year 1778 he seved [served]in the nine months service under Capt Stephen Ball of Ballston was stationed with the American troops at West Point at the expiration of the nine months service in the winter he was discharged the discharge [is] lost.

He was attached to and served in a regular organized militia Company in Ballston during the whole war when not ordered to march to other places and never failed to turn out at a call or alarm and march against the enemy those calls and alarms were constant living as he did on the frontier settlement and in the vicinity of the seat of war for a considerable time and that he honestly thinks that in addition to the seven month service in 1777 and the nine months service 1778 as above stated, making sixteen months service while attached to the regular army, that he was ordered out and performed more than eight months hard service in an organized militia company during the war in all the alarms marches stations and excursions in the woods to detect annoy and keep of [off] the enemy from committing depredation on the frontier, amounting in the whole time to more than two months service.

And that he has no dockumentary [documentary] evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

And 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) Abraham Weed

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Thomas Palmer, Clerk