

Pension Application for Gideon Westbrook

S.22574

State of Pennsylvania

Pike County SS

On this twenty second day of January AD eighteen hundred and thirty three before the Honorable David Scott and John Coolbacht & Daniel W. Dingman Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Pike now sitting appeared Gideon Westbrook now a resident of Milford township in the said County of Pike now in the seventy second year of his age, 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 according to the information he received from his parents, he was born on the 20th of September AD 1761 in Peenpack, State of New York about four miles from Carpenter's or Staten Point that he resided in the State of New York, till the removed to Montague township in Sussex County New Jersey, where he lived about three years, and then about thirteen years since he moved into (then) Uppersmithfield (now) Milford township Pike County Pennsylvania, where he now resides.

That in the year 1775 he was drafted in the New York Militia, at Peenpack, in the company commanded by Captain Moses Courtright, and Lieutenant Martinus Decker, does not recollect the names of the other officers; he joined his regiment at Fort Montgomery, does not recollect the Colonels name. The army he thinks was under the command of General Clinton he said about two weeks, when he marched to Sidman's Clove on the North river where they staid about two weeks.

They were then stationed on the Westside of the North river to keep back the British fleet. On this tour he says he was out under Captain Moses Courtright about six months. That shortly after the termination of that tour he was drafted in the New York Militia in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company, and that he does not recollect the names of any of the officers or of the company or regiment.

That he with the Captain Abraham Westfall's company were stationed at a fort in Peenpack State of New York, about nine miles from Station point—that their duty was, the protection of the then frontiers from the incursions of the Indians, which at that time were frequent, and often attended with the massacre of some of the inhabitants and loss of property—that they also acted as Scouts, or Indian Spies.

That while he lay at Peenpack with his company the fort was attacked by the Indians and James Vanaker was killed in the fort, and Jeremiah Vanacker was killed on the same day on the outside of the fort and one of the Indians was killed. On this last tour he says he served and was out about [3 inserted, six written in] months.

He further says that through, and during the continuance of the revolutionary war he was frequently called out in what were then called the classes, to repel sudden eruptions of the Indians, and to act as Scouts, or Spies—and generally for the protection of the frontier inhabitants he says that he has no documentary evidence, other than that annexed to this his declaration—that those by whom he could have

proven his services, are for the most part dead, or moved to part to him unknown, or beyond the possibility of his obtaining their evidence.

That he does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge, and if he ever did it is lost—that there is no minister of the Gospel with whom he is acquainted, or who is acquainted with him in, or near his neighbourhood- that David Westfall—and Jacob Cuddeback are two old inhabitants and residents in his neighbourhood, and will as the deponent believes testify as to his veracity and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
Gideon Westbrook

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court this twenty second day of January AD eighteen hundred and thirty three. C.B. Seaman, Prot.