

Pension Application for John West

S.14811

In Court of Chancery
State of New York &
County of Onondaga SS.

On the 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Daniel Moseley Esqr Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit District in said State at a court of chancery held at Onondaga in the County of Onondaga in said District John West a resident of the Town of Camillus in said County of Onondaga and State of New York aged Seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth doth [sic] on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of of [sic] the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 (viz)

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he enlisted in the spring of the year 1776 (should think in the month of May) at the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk and State of New York on Long Island into a company of New York on long Island into a company of New York State troops (he believes) the Company was commanded by Captain Platt (thinks his Cristian [Christian] name was Nathaniel) the Ensigns name was William Smith the regiment was commanded by a Colonel Smith (don't recollect his Cristian name) he marched with his company to Brookline opposite the City of New York where he was stationed until our troops retreated from Long Island some time in the fore part of Sept (should think) when he crossed over to New York City and from thence he retreated with the American army to Kingsbridge at which place he remained untill he was discharged at the expiration of five months from his enlistment—during this tour he was in the Battle of Long Island at Brooklin he frequently saw General Washington Lord Sterling and General Putnam—

He further declares that after he was discharged he resided in the Town of Norwalk in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut about one year from whence he removed to the Town of Sandgate in the County of Benington [Bennington] in the State of Vermont and that in the Fall of the year 1778 at the town of Sandgate aforesaid he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Frederick Hurd in the company of Militia Commanded by Captain Hutchinson and in Major Allens Regiment or Battallion (don't recollect either of their Cristian names) he company was stationed at Pittsford fort in the State of Vermont during this term of service which was two months that he was engaged in Scouting on the northern frontier the principle part of this time.

He further declares that on the first of March 1779 at the Town of Sandgate aforesaid he enlisted into a Company of Vermont State Troops Commanded by Capt. Comstock and Lieutenants Lewis and Dimick(don't recollect either of their Cristian names) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cowley that he marched to Pittsford fort above mentioned where he was stationed for a term of nine month s when he was discharged that Capt Comstock had the command of the said fort at Pittsford—with a part of the Regiment while Colonel Cowley was stationed with the resided of the

regiment at Castleton the regiment was station[ed] there to guard the frontiers and that he was engaged in Scouting the frontiers the principal of the time during the nine months that he served as a Corporal during this term—

That he thinks he never Received a written Discharge from either of the above mentioned terms of service if he did he has no recollection of them now don't know what has become of them that while in the last mentioned service. He knew Ethan Allen and Colonel Warner and other officers—that he has no documentary evidence of his service—that he has not the testimony of any living witness to said Services and don't know that he can procure any.

That he was born in the town of Huntington County of Suffolk and State of New York in the year of our Lord 1760, that he has no record of his age and they believes there is none.

That he served in Huntington aforesaid where he first entered the services and that since he left the Service he has lived in Sandgate in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont untill about Twenty Eight years ago when he removed from there to the town of Aurelius in the County of Cayuga in the State of New York where he lived one year and then removed to the town of Marcellus in the County of Onondaga and State aforesaid and lived there about twenty three years form whence he removed to the Town of Commellus in the County and State aforesaid where he has resided for the last four years.

That he has been acquainted with the Reverend Live Parsons and Myron L. Mills of Marcellus aforesaid for about fifteen years past whom he expects will certify to his Character for veracity and their belief relative to his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pention [pension] or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of of [sic] the agency of any state. (Signed) John West.

Subscribed & Sworn the 14 Day of Sept 1832. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor.

Letter in folder dated November 23, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of John West, who served during the Revolutionary War in the 2nd and in the 5th New York Regiments.

The record of one soldier only named John West who served with the New York Troops, has been found. His history is furnished you herein, the data for which were obtained form the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14811, based upon his military service in that war. It is hoped that this history will be of interest to you.

John West was born in 1760, in Huntington, Suffolk County (Long Island), New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in said Huntington, John West enlisted in May, 1776, served in Captain Nathaniel Platt's Company, Colonel Smith's New York Regiment, was

stationed at Brooklyn, was in the battle of Long Island, crossed to New York with the American army, and retreated to King's Bridge, where he remained until discharged, having served five months: after his discharge he moved to Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut, and resided about one year, then moved to Sandgate, Bennington County, Vermont, enlisted there in the fall of 1778, served in Captain Hutchinson's Company, in Major Allen's Battalion, Vermont Troops, was stationed at the fort at Pittsford, Vermont, and was engaged in scouting on the northern frontier; he enlisted March 1, 1779, served as corporal in Captain Comstock's Company, Colonel Cooley's Vermont Regiment, was again stationed at Pittsford Fort and engaged in scouting; length of this service, nine months.

About 1804, he moved from Sandgate, Vermont, to Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York, lived one year, then moved to Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and lived for twenty-three years, then moved to Camillus, same county and state.

John West was allowed pension on his application executed September 14, 1832, while residing in Camillus, New York.

There are no data as to soldier's family.