

## **Pension Application for Benjamin Westlake**

S.29533

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County Rev'd Benjamin Westland who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, during the Revolutionary War, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades:

For twenty two months as a private in Capt Leonard Nichols company, in Col. McLaughrey's Regiment of Militia in the County of Orange N.Y. at the places mentioned in his declaration annexed from January 1776 to November 1777.

For three months as an express, having enlisted for that term, in a company of Expresses attached to the Quarter Master's Department near New Windsor, Orange Co., N.Y. under the charge of Quarter Master Uriah Mitchell, from Novem'r 1777 to Feb 1778.

For two months & twenty days in the winter of 1778 carrying baggage, hauling Wood &c as particularly stated in his declaration, having been pressed with his team.

For two weeks int he spring of 1778 under Capt. Nichols on the Neversink frontier as stated in his declaration.

Making all his services twenty eight months and five days for which he claims a pension.

The said Benjamin Westlake further states that having made enquiry in relation to the few individuals, who if alive, could testify to his services, but he cannot learn that there is any one living by whom he can prove the particular services above stated & more particularly related in his declaration. (Signed) Benjamin Westlake

Sworn & Subscribed Decem'r 24<sup>th</sup> 1832 before me W. Maxwell, Justice of the Peace, Tioga Co. NY.

Letter in folder dated August 12, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.29533, it appears that Benjamin Westlake was born April 15, 1756, in Newburgh, Ulster County, Later Orange County, New York. His birth was kept in the records of the Episcopal Church at Newburgh, to which church his parents were attached, the names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in the New Windsor, Orange County, New York, Benjamin Westlake enlisted in January. 1776, served as a private in Captain Leonard Nicoll's Company, Colonel McLaughry's New York Regiment, and was discharged in the fall of 1777, having served about twenty-two months.

He enlisted in November, 1777, served as an express rider under quartermaster Uriah Mitchell and was discharged in February 1778.

He enlisted in the winter of 1778, and served two months and twenty day swith his team transporting stores and supplies under General Hand.

He enlisted in the spring of 1778 and served two weeks in Captain Nicoll's New York Company.

He subsequently served in frequent expeditions against the Indians, no further details given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, while a resident of Elmira, Tioga County, New York, to which place he had moved from New Windsor, in May 1815. At the time of his application for pension, he was a minister of the Gospel.

It is not stated that the soldier was ever married.