

Pension Application for Edmund Whedon

W.4855

B.L.Wt.26614-160-55 (Widow: Dorcas) Dorcas Brown married Thomas Bliss April 5, 1801 in Sharon Vt. He died June 1819. Dorcas Bliss Whedon and Edmund were married in February 1821.

This woman also applied for bounty land on acct. of the services of her former husband Zenas Bliss, War 1812. Also Bounty land claim of Zenas Bliss, widow Hannah, Rev & 1812. R946, based on same service, War 1812. Edmund Wheadon died December 6, 1836.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On this 26th day of September 183, personally appeared in open Court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and State of New York now sitting Edmund Whedon a resident of Aurelius in said County aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

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

That about the month of November AD 1778, then being a resident of the town of Hebron in the County of Washington & State of New York, he entered the service in a company of militia commanded by Capt. John Hamilton & Lieut James Wilson in the Regiment commanded by Col. Martin.

That he marched with said company to Skenesborough, and continued in said service a term of one week—that about the first of April 1779 the militia company of Captain John Hamilton to which he belonged was divided into three classes one of which classes was required to be in service all the time, and that said classes took turns, and served each one third of the time.

That the tours of each class would be three weeks at one time, when it would be relieved by another class which would serve three weeks, and so on alternately until about the month of December following.

That he served in one of said classes and performed his regular tours of duty, and was also whilst at home frequently called into service in cases of alarm. That whilst in service as guard he was stationed at Skenesborough—and that his services as a member of said class and in cases of alarm would amount to four months during said term as he verily believes.

That in the spring of 1780 the said company was again classed as the year before and that said classes continued to serve alternately at the same place in the same manner as in the year 1779 for a term of about nine months and that he performed his regular tours of service as in the year 1779.

That during said term whilst not engaged in his regular tour as such guard in said class he was frequently out in cases of alarm & in scouting parties, on the northern frontiers.

That his services were such that he was not able to attend to business but very little and he thinks his services during this year would amount to four months or more.

That in each year (about a term of eight months in each year) from the spring of 1781 until the fall of 1782 he was almost constantly in service in cases of alarm, as a guard at Skenesborough and in Scouting parties. That the enemy at this time lay at St. Johns and were accustomed to come down the lake on board their shipping, at which times the country would be alarmed and the militia all called out—that he was frequently stationed at Skenesborough as guard, that for most of the time whilst stationed at Skenesborough he was under the Command of Captain ---Stockwell and that his whole time spent in actual service during said two seasons would amount to four months in each year as he verily believes.

That he marched twice to Lake George in case of alarm as he well remembers. And was stationed about one month in the town of Granville in said County of Washington—that he is unable from the length of time which has elapsed to state more particularly at what time the said services were performed.

That he served during the whole time in the same company, which company was commanded at the last of the war by Captain John Munson.

That he never received a written discharge from said service and has no other proof that the accompanying. And that the aforementioned Thomas Bellows was an officer in his company.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Edmund Whedon

Asahel Fitch, Judge.

Letter in folder dated March 1, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of February 16, in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Edmond Whedon who served as private in the New York militia, and of Ephraim Whedon or Wheaton who served as fifer in the Massachusetts Line.

Their records are given herein as found in pension claims based upon their service in the Revolutionary War.

EDMUND WHEDON

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The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

Edmund Whedon (as he signed), while residing in Hebron, Washington County, New York, enlisted in November, 1778, served at various times until sometime in the fall of 1782, amounting to one year, four months seven days, as private and corporal under Captains John Hamilton, James Wilson, Stockwell, John Munson and Colonels Martin and Converse in the New York troops engaged in guarding the frontiers.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 26, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy-one years and a resident of Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York.

He died December 6, 1836, at Auburn, Cayuga County, New York.

Edmund Whedon married in February, 1821, in Aurelius, New York, Mrs. Dorcas Bliss, widow of Zenas Bliss, to whom she was married April 5, 1801, at Sharon, Vermont, and who died at Clarksville, Town of Aurelius, New York, in June, 1819. Her maiden name was Dorcas Brown.

Zenas Bliss, the former husband of the widow, Dorcas Whedon, served in the War of 1812 from August 21, 1812, to September 21, 1812, as a private and musician in Captain Joseph McClure's company of New York militia. It was stated that at the time he married Dorcas Brown, she was a resident of Thetford, Vermont, and that she had also lived at Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, and he in Fairlee, Vermont.

Soldier's widow, Dorcas Whedon, was allowed pension on her application executed March 16, 1854, at which time she was aged sixty-eight years and residing in Auburn, New York, with her daughter, named not stated, who married James E. Tyler; she had lived with them most of the time since the death of the soldier and was still living there in 1859.

Zenas Bliss and his wife, Dorcas, reared a family of children but no names were designated.

In 1855, one Orramel Bliss was residing in Auburn, New York; in 1858, he was still residing there aged fifty-four years, his relationship to soldier's wife, Dorcas, or to her former husband, Zenas Bliss, not shown.

EPHRAIM WHEDON

W.6499

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.6499, based upon the service of Ephraim Whedon or Wheaton in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

Ephraim Whedon or Wheaton enlisted a Northhaston, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, February 14, 1781, served as fifer in Captain Deane's company, Colonel Benjamin Tupper's 10th Massachusetts Regiment, was in the battle of Kings bridge, at the taking of Cornwallis, and was discharged December 18, 1783. The soldier stated also that he was in the battle of Fort Washington and was also at Philadelphia to suppress an insurrection there, no details of these services given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 8, 1825, at which time he was aged "over fifty-seven years" and a resident of Lewiston, Niagara County, New York. He afterwards lived in Newframe, same county.

In 1836 the soldier had moved to the Territory of Michigan, and made his application in Washtenaw County, Michigan, for the transfer of his pension to that state.

He died April 26, 1853, at Stockbridge, Ingham County, Michigan, and was buried there; he had resided in said town for sixteen years.

Ephraim Whedon or Weaton married, date not stated, Eunice, whose maiden name was not given.

Soldier's widow, Eunice, was allowed pension on her application executed October 4, 1853, at which time she was residing in Stockbridge, Michigan, aged ninety-one years; in the same year she gave her age as ninety-four years with no explanation of the discrepancy.

In 1823, the following children of Ephraim Whedon or Wheaton and his wife, Eunice, were referred to: Alice aged twenty-four, unmarried; Jerome aged about seventeen years; Locenia aged about fourteen years; Calvin aged twelve years, and Barton aged about eleven years; also five children who had married and left home; the only other child whose name was designated was Chris.

In 1863, one Mary Wheaton acted as witness in the claim for pension of soldier's widow, Eunice, her relationship to the family not shown.