

Pension Application for Abraham Whitaker

W.10277 (Widow: Ann)

B.L.Wt.24606-160-55

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster, being a court of Record for said county, proceeding according to the course of the common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings, having a clerk, and Seal of their own Abraham Whitaker a resident of the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster. Aged Seventy two years, who being first 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 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

1st The said Abraham Whitaker Declares, that he was born in the town of Kingston, County of Ulster on the twenty second day of January in the year 1760.

2d That the record of his age is contained in a Psalm book now here in Court.

3d That at the time he was called into service, he was living in the town of Kingston County of Ulster and State of New York, that he has lived there since the revolutionary war, and lives there now.

1st That he served for "Three" months in the year 1777 & 8 under the following officers to wit, "one" month at Woodstock stationed at Peter Winne's in a detachment commanded by Lieutenant Hendrick Turpenning: "one" month in the same town stationed at Peter Shorts, in a detachment commanded by Captain Moses Yeomans, Stationed at Philip Houghtalings all in the County of Ulster, in the capacity of a private soldier as a volunteer in the militia service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War, for proof refers to voucher marked (A).

2d That he served for the term of "three" months in the year 1779 at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess in said militia service in the Company commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus, in Colonel Haithorns Regiment, as a private soldier, having volunteered in said service, and for proof of this service, refers to voucher marked (B) hereunto annexed.

3. That he served for the term of "Four" Months, but in what years he does not now remember, under the following Officers, to wit. "One" month at big Shandaken in the town of Shandaken in Ulster County as the detachment commanded by Lieutenant Peter Post of Saugerties and quartered at the house of Samuel Davis and thinks it was in the fall of the year: "Two" months at Saugerties in a detachment of Militia under the command of Lieutenant Hommel of Saugerties quartered at the house of Tobias Wynkoop: and "one" month in the place last aforesaid in a detachment under the

command of Captain John DeWitt, that all of the above services were in the capacity of a private of a private soldier, in the Revolutionary [war] as a volunteer, in the militia of the State of New York in the United States Service as per affidavits marked (C).

And lastly the said Abraham Whitaker declares positively that he served as above stated at different times and places, 10 months in the militia service of the State of New York as a volunteer in the Revolutionary War and under the officers above mentioned, but that as to times when, he cannot be positive, nor does he wish to be so understood. That those services were as a private soldier that he never had any written discharge from any of the above services, that he knows of no Continental officers or Regiments or Militia Regiments other than as above stated.

He Hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Whitaker

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. A. G. Hardenburgh, Abm A. Deyo, John Jansen. Judges.

Letter in folder dated September 30, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Abraham Whitaker, a pensioner of Kingston, New York.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.10277, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Abraham Whitaker; he was a pensioner of Kingston, Ulster County, New York.

Abraham Whitaker was born January 27, 1760, in Kingston, Ulster County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, he enlisted, served as private on monthly tours in the New York militia, given as follow: in the years 1777-1778, under Lieutenant Theophilus Elsworth, Captain Matthew Dederick and Captain Moses Yeomans, these three months rendered principally in Ulster County, New York; during 1779, three tours in Captain Evert Bogardus' company, Colonel Hathorn's regiment, stationed at Fishkill, New York; also, one tour under Lieutenant Peter Post, one tour under Captain John Dewitt, and two tours under Lieutenant M. Hommel, which services were rendered in Ulster County, New York, specific dates not given.

Abraham Whitaker was allowed pension on his application executed September 12, 1832, at which time he resided in Kingston, Ulster County, New York. He died there April 1, 1851, always having resided in that place.

The soldier married February 1, 1790, Ann Swart; they were married by the Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church of Kingston. As partial proof of her marriage, she submitted a copy of a baptismal record which show the following:

"d. 15, July 1792, Catharine,

Abraham Whittaker

Annatje Sart Onders (Dutch for parents)

Petrus Myer

Catharine Swart Getuygen (Dutch for witnesses).

An Whitaker, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed June 11, 1851, at which time she resided in Kingston, Ulster County, New York. She was aged then eighty-one years; the date and place of her birth are not shown. She applied April 5, 1855, for the bounty land which was due under the Act of March 3, 1855, on account of her husband's service in the Revolutionary War. Warrant #24606 for 160 acres of bounty land was issued under that act.

In 1855, when Ann Whitaker made application for bounty land, James S. Whitaker was a resident of Kingston, New York; Abraham Whitaker, Jr. and Edgar Blackwell were residents of Ulster County, New York. No relationship between these persons and the soldier's family was stated.