

Pension Application for Simon Whitcomb

R.11393 (Widow: Abigail)

State of New York

Albany County SS

On this 25th day of July 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Simon Whitcomb residing in the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 77 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 June 7, 1832.

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

He entered the said service at the town of Amenia in the County of Dutchess and State of New York where he then resided in the month of January 1776 and enlisted in Capt. David Downs Company as a private and immediately marched with the said company from Amenia to the City of Albany and staying there a short time he with the said company marched to Lake George after staying there a short time waiting for the ice to get out of the lake, he the said company marched to Ticonderoga & then to St. Johns in Canada, and from there they were sent up the river St. Lawrence about fifty miles above Montreal to a place near a fall in the said river called "the Cedars" where they joined Colo Bidles regiment, then under the command of Major Butterfield.

At this place he with about 400 or 500 American troops were taken prisoners by the British and Indians, and were cornered about five miles from the river, where they were detained about 20 days when Genl Arnold came and effected an exchange of prisoners, and he with the others were released, this was in the month of August 1776 as near as he can recollect—

They and the said company were then marched to Lake George in the State of New York, and after a while was permitted to return home, he arrived at Amenia in the said county of Dutchess in the month of November or December in the year 1776.

He enlisted in this campaign for the term of one year and drew pay for that term after he was discharged.

In the year 1777 he was not in the said service, except that he was at one time called out on an alarm (he thinks in the month of October or about the time of the surrender of Burgoyne) and was marched from Amenia aforesaid, and joined the forces then under the command of Genl Putman, as he believes, at this time under the command of Capt Chamberlain and was called out to prevent the British from passing up the said river.

Thinks he was out about 10 or 12 days at this time and then returned home. That he again entered the said service in the month of September in the year 1778 and enlisted in Capt Brimhalls Company as a private (does not recollect the name of the colonel who commanded the regiment and went immediately down to White Plains.

That he was directed by his officers to take a Continental team, consisting of two yoke of oxen & go down the river towards New York and carry provisions forage &c to North Castle where the Headquarters were kept.

That he drove the said team all winter, and in the month of May 1779, was discharged and he returned home to Dutchess County.

In the summer of 1779 as near as he can recollect, he entered the said service again (but does not know that it was not in the summer of the year 1777)—and joined Capt. Colbe Chamberlins company and went to West Point where he did garrison duty for the term of three months. He thinks the said company belonged in Colo Hopkins Regiment, but is not positive.

He knows however that he served at West Point three months at this time. He was frequently called out on alarms from 1777 to the close of the war, and had verry often to go at moments warning, and was a great deal of the time held in readiness to go into the said service when ever called for—

That it is impossible to enumerate particularly every time and place that he was called out, but he recollects however, that at one time, he went to Fishkill.

It was at the time that Genl Washington went to the south. That he once received a written discharge at West Point but that it has long since been lost or destroyed.

That he has no documentary evidence whatever nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service—He resides 21 miles from the City of Albany where the Courts of record for the County of Albany are held, that he is verry much troubles with the Phthisic and is very infirm and cannot travel that distance from his home to attend the Court.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed)3Simon Whitcomb

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore
Judge of Albany County Courts.

Letter in folder dated June 14, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Simeon Whitcomb, shown as a pensioner of Westerlo, Albany County, New York, in 1840.

The record of Simon Whitcomb is furnished herein s found in the papers on file in pension claim, R.11393, based upon his service in that war. He signed his name Simon Whitcomb and his name is born Simon on the pension roll; Simeon, as shown on the printed list in 1840, is incorrect.

Simon Whitcomb was born September 19, 1755, in Amenia, then called Oblong, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Amenia, New York, he enlisted January 1, 1776, served as private in captain David Downs' company, marched to Canada, was in the battle of the Cedars under Colonel Bedel, was taken prisoner and held twenty days, was exchanged

and returned home in December 1776. He enlisted sometime in October 1777 and served three weeks as private in Captain Chamberlain's company, Colonel Sutherland's New York regiment. He enlisted late in August 1778, and served nine months in Captain Brinhall's company. Colonel Sutherland's regiment. He enlisted in September 1780, served as private in Captain Colby Chamberlain's Company, Colonel Hopkins' regiment and in Captain Bestwick's company, Colonel Whiting's regiment at the burning of Schoharie, length of service three months. He enlisted sometime in October 1781, and served three weeks as private in Captain Herrick's company, in said Colonel Whiting's regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 25, 1832, at which time he resided in Westerloo, Albany County, New York. He had lived there then about forty years, having moved to said Westerlo from Canaan, New York.

Simon Whitcomb married October 31, 1779, in Amenia (Oblong), New York, Abigail Hubbel, or Hubble. The ceremony was performed by the Presbyterian Minister of that place. She was born August 15, 1762, names of her parents not shown, nor place of her birth.

The soldier died December 20, 1842, in Westerlo, New York. His widow, Abigail, died there January 3, 1848.

The names of "some of the children" of Simon Whitcomb and his wife, Abigail, are shown as follows.

Lewis Whitcomb born June 30, 1780.

Roswell Whitcomb born January 1, 1784.

Altanah Whitcomb born July 15, 1787.

Asenath Whitcomb born December 25, 1792.

Abigail Whitcomb born May 22, 1798.

Submit Whitcomb born January 26, 1802.

Finetta Whitcomb born November 26, 1804.

In 1848, the names of the children who survived their mother, Abigail Whitcomb, were shown as, Roswell Whitcomb, Submit Bootenhower, Altansh Dickson and Abigail Gassman or Gossman. In 1852, Mrs. Abigail Cassman, or Gossman, and Roswell Whitcomb were the only surviving children; the former resided then in Westerlo, New York, name of her husband not shown.