

Pension Application for James White

R.11416

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this third day of December in the year 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 said County of Orange being a Court of Record, James White, now sitting a resident of Walhill Orange County aged Seventy three 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 7th 1832.

That he first entered the service in the fore part of the revolutionary war but cannot state the year, was ordered to Fort Constitution opposite to West Point—was put in a company commanded by Captain Tilford, thinks in Colonel Pauldings regiment – staid there one month when he was discharged and returned home—there were two other companies of Militia no regular—went through Little Britain to New Windsor from the Town of Walkill the place of residence of this deponent—and from New Windsor—went by water.

Deponent further saith that he was at Fort Montgomery when it was taken in October 1777—and made his escape after the same was taken in October 1777—and made his escape after the same was taken—that he was under the command of Captain Isaiah Vail-Governor George and General James Clinton were there in Command – after the fort was taken this deponent was ordered to New Windsor, laid there until the British Shipping came down the North river from the burning of Esopus or Kingston—about a fortnight—was then dismissed and returned home. This deponent was in service at this time about one month.

Deponent further saith that his recollection is very imperfect—and that he cannot state the particulars of his service he knows that he was called into the service as a militia man, very frequently. That he was sometimes out one month. Sometimes two weeks—and sometimes shorter periods his service was principally performed at Fort Montgomery—at Ramapo on the road to New York where a guard was kept during the greater part of the war—and at Minisink or Peenpack about twenty miles from Deponents residence west of the Shawangunk Mountains near the Delaware river.

Deponent was then very often out to guard the Frontiers from the Savages who made incursions—burning houses—killing the inhabitants—Deponent recollects on the occasion of assisting to bury I could of the [?] inhabitants is who had been killed by the Indians—thinks there names were Swartout a Father and three sons—Deponent was generally stationed at or near Depays or Dewitts, around whose houses temporary Forts had been made—Deponent was at a place called Hunk on the west side of the Shawngumk Mountains on the road to Kingston – where he was in service one month – Leonard Nichols was Captain David Crawford Lieutenant—Captain Van Keuren was there—Cantine was Colonel – at the end of one month was discharged and returned home.

This Deponent says that he was at Ramapo one month—Vail was his Captain John Dunning his Lieutenant Major Philips was there and Major Newkirk. Deponent cannot remember the year and this deponent says that upon one occasion he was one of thirty ordered out to guard a Powder Mill at Phillipsburgh on the Walkill then Ulster now Orange in Ulster County—and he remained there in service under the command of Lieutenant John Dunning for the period of three months.

And this Deponent saith that he was performing service from time to time for about five years –Deponent has no hesitation in saying that including the services specified above. He served in each year a period of three months—He was sometime out on Class duty—at other one occasion of alarms—when all the militia turned out—Deponent always went out when ordered.

And this Deponent says he knows of no person who was out in service with him to whom he can refer except Thomas Bonland a resident of the Town of [?] in the County of Orange and State of New York aforesaid.

1st that he was born at New Windsor now called Cornwall in the year 1759.

2. That he has a record of his age at home in the Town of Walkill and County of Orange aforesaid.

3. That he resided at Phillipburgh in the Town of Walkill when called into the service and that he has resided there ever since and that he now resides in Goshen.

4. That he was ordered out as a Militai man.

5. That he never received a written discharge.

6. That he has no documentary evidence.

7. That he can refer to Thomas Clark, Gabriel N. Phillips and Moses Philips residents of Philipsburgh in the said Town of Walkill as to his veracity & their belief.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

And this Deponent further saith that he is unable to obtain the affidavit of a Clergyman as required by the rules and regulations of the War Department—For he says that there is no clergyman residing in his neighbourhood, nor within a number of miles—that the Clergyman residing nearest to this deponent came within a few years to a place where he now resides. That this deponent is an old and infirm man and goes out in public but very little, and he supposes that he is altogether unknown to the said clergy and he knows of no other Clergyman whose certificate or affadivit he can obtain taken subscribed and sworn the day & year aforesaid. Asa Duning Clerk