

Pension Application for Joseph White

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State of New York

Rensselaer County, City of Troy SS

On this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy now sitting Joseph White resident of the town of Nassau in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged seventy eight 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That is to say, In the month of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he was drafted from the militia and formed into a company at a place then called King's District, now the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia and State of New York which company was commanded by Jacob Vosburgh as Captain but that he cannot remember the name of either of the Subalterns, belonging to such company.

That from thence he was marched to Albany where they remained three days, and then marched up the river crossed at Troy and proceeded from thence to Fort Edward, where he was engaged in strengthening the works of defense at that place & in the performance of the ordinary duties of a soldier until the month of December of the same year when after having performed seven months service he was discharged & returned home where he remained until the summer following when on or about the first of June of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he volunteered into a company of volunteers raised and commanded by Captain Rowland Gifford of Kings District aforesaid.

That he cannot remember the names of the other officers of the Company. That with his company he was marched by the same route as aforesaid to Fort Edward aforesaid and from thence to Lake George, and was stationed for a time at Fort George at the South End of the lake, where he remained until the approach of the British Troops under Burgoyne when the Fort was blown up by the American Forces and they retreated to the south under General Schuyler and proceeded down the Hudson River to and below Stillwater, that he was actively engaged in grinding axes, cutting fascines and in contrasting the works and entrenchments at Bemis' heights in the neighborhood of Stillwater in the County of Saratoga, until the battle of Saratoga during which time he was engaged in guarding the wagons having been specially detailed for that purpose, with about thirty others.

That he remained in the service until about a month after the surrender of Burgoyne when and on or about the twentieth of November he was discharged and returned home, after having served five months and an half. That in the month of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

An alarm being given that the Indians and toires were approaching from the west. He was drafted into a company of Militia commnded by Captain Abijah Ketchum of Kings District aforesaid and was marched from thence to Albany & then westward to Cherry Valley where they arrived shortly after the enemy had burnt Cherry Valley & massacured the inhabitants that they went in pursuit of the enemy in a northerly direction to Stone Arabia, but they had obtained so much the start that the forces with him could not overtake them, that they remained at Stone Arabia, a few days and then after having been engaged in this tour of Service for the term of two months he was discharged & returned home.

That in answer to the interrogatories propounded by the war department he says.

First. That he was born in the town of Mansfield in the County of Taunton in the State of Massachusetts, on the twenty sixth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four.

Second. He has no record of his age nor is there any to his knowledge as the same together with his father's house was burned many years since.

Third. That he was living at a place then called King's District now Chatham in the County of Columbia and State of New York when he first entered the service when he resided during the whole of the war of the revolution & where he continued to reside until the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven at which time he removed to the town of Nassau in the County of Rensselaer where he has resided ever since and now resides.

Fourth. That he was first drafted into the service as above detailed.

Fifth. That the only officers besides those above named that he can remember are Generals Gates and Arnold who were in command with the Army at Stillwater, and that the circumstances of his service are as above detailed.

Sixth. That he never received any written discharge from the service, nor has he any documentary evidence whatever thereof.

Seventh. That he is acquainted with Stephen Gregory, John Koon, William Hunt and drives other citizens of his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, but owing to the fact of the recent death of the Rev. Stephen Olmstead, he is no[t] acquainted with any clergyman who can certify for him as above.

He hereby relinquishes every claim or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Joseph White

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Ball, Clerk