

Pension Application for Joseph White

S.28942

State of New York

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Queens SS

In the Matter of an Application for a Pension by Joseph White.

On this 5th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three before the said Court personally appeared Joseph White a Resident of the County of Queens aforesaid, 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 in or about the month of August 1777 doing duty as an Artificer under the command of Captain Stephen Seamen.

That his first service was in the Navy Yard at Wappinger's Creek in Dutchess County State of New York building and repairing boats & vssels.

That while there he assisted in building a Schooner called the Peggy Hay—That he [?] everthing at said Navy yard & in the neighbourhood of it, till the first of December 1779 under the command of the said Captain Seamen & also of one Ebenezer Young, called Major Young.

That about the first of December 1779 deponent went under the command of the said Captain Seamon to a place called Half Moon above Albany in the State of New York and was there employed in cutting timber and preparing it for frames of vessels.

That he remained at Half Moon about eight weeks when he was ordered back with the others at work there to the year at Wappinger's Creek where he remained employed as before about four weeks.

That while deponent worked at Wappinger's Creek, Colonel Hay was Quarter Master and resided at Fishkill in the said County of Dutchess about six miles from the Navy yard at Wappinger's Creek.

That in the month of March 1779 an order was received requiring deponent & others to go to Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania.

That deponent with about forty others started for Philadelphia under the command of the said Stephen Seamen's that at Philadelphia they were joined with another Company of Artificers under the direction & command of Colonel Ayers. That being supplied with tools nails & other materials for building boars they commenced their march for Pittsburgh under the command of the said Captain Seamen. That they passed thro Lancaster & from thence to Carlisle. That at Carlisle they were all armed as soldiers & furnished with ammunition & during the remainder of their march to Pitsburg [Pittsburg] they performed duty as soldiers to guard themselves & baggage from the Indians.

That from Carlisle they marched to Bedford & from thence towards the Alleghany Mountains to Pittsburg.

That at Pittsburg deponent with others was employed in building flat bottomed boats said to be for the expedition under General Sullivan against the Indians—that at

Pittsburg, General Broadhead commanded and under his Surperintendance the building of boats went on, Captain Seaman still acting as Master builder, that they remained at Pittsburg till about the first of October 1780 when they returned to Philadelphia & were there discharged.

That during the whole of the period above mentioned deponent was a volunteer in the service of the United States and always drew rations as a soldier in the Army.

That Deponent was born at Oyster Bay in the County of Queens aforesaid on the sixteenth day of June 1754. That a record of deponents age is in a family Bible now in deponents house at Oyster Bay. That one James Seamen who was born at Oyster Bay & now lives in the City of New York was in the service of the United Stats in the same company with deponent during the whole period of deponent's service and deponent believes that himself & the said James Seaman are the only survivors of the Company to which they belonged.

Deponent says that the Reverend Marmaduke Earl the Baptist Clergyman in the Village of Oyster Bay, and Jacob Caldwell also of Oyster Bay is well acquainted with deponent & can testify as to deponents character for veracity and as to their belief of his services in the Revolutionary War. And this deponent further saith that he served as aforesaid not less than two years.

This Deponent 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. This deponent never had a written discharge. (Signed) Joseph White.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Samuel Sherman Clk.