

Pension Application for William White

W.22606 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married February 17, 1782. William died March 5, 1834.
State of New York
County of Cattaraugus SS.

On this fifth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cattaraugus now sitting William White a resident of the town of Conewango in the County aforesaid aged seventy-nine years, who being 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 was born in the town of Nobletown, now Hillsdale in the County of Columbia and State of N. York on the 5th day of February AD 1753 as appears from the family record kept by his father.

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

In the year 1776 he served as a substitute in the room of his father John White, a term of three months under the command of Athemus Spencer as Captain and in Colonel Scnidars Regiment of New York militia was stationed at Fort Montgomery and served in the capacity of drummer.

That in the year 1777, he was called out with the Militia of that country on receiving the intelligence of the approach of General Burgoyne's Army from the north and served under the command of Captain Abraham Funda in Colonel Henry VanRenselaer's regiment as drummer for the term of one month & a half, was marched firstly to Fort Edward and thence toward Fort Ann until within a short distance of the latter place where they met the American troops who had evacuated the Fort and there retreated with them back to Fort Edward. Thence to a place called Snook Creek near fort Miller and thence to Saratoga and after a short stay at Saratoga and returned home to Columbia County.

Also in the fall of the same year or fore part of winter he enlisted as a corporal in what was called the militia three months service under Captain Graham Funda, has forgotten the Colonel but thinks Willet or Harper commanded the regiment at the time, was stationed at Albany and served the full term of three months and was dismissed does not remember that he received a written discharge.

In the following summer viz 1778 he volunteered and served as a serjeant one month in a scouting party on the Schoharie frontiers under the command of Lieutenant Minard VanDebogart.

Also in the fall of the same year he enlisted again in the three months service as a soldier under Captain Thomas McNinster in Colonel McNinsters regiment of N. York Militia and served at Fishkill utnill within one or two weeks of the expiration of the term and was then discharged on account of the severity of the term and was then discharged on account of the severity of the winter.

Again sometime in the spring of 1780 as near as he recollects he enlisted as a soldier for the term of nine months in Colonel John Harpers regiment Captain Walter

Vroman's company—went to Johnstown Fort, served there two months, and there was one Peter Graft as a substitute to serve out the remainder of his term and returned home to Columbia County.

A short time after he returned home about the beginning of harvest—he was induced by the class to which he belonged to enlist again for three months served under Captain Christopher Miller in Colonel Henry Livingstons regiment. Went down the Hudson river to West Point, thence to Dobbs ferry and remained there two or three weeks during which time the British shipping passed up the Hudson and anchored in the Tappan bay a little above Dobbs ferry.

There was considerable cannonading between the Americans and the shipping while within reach of each other in passing up the river. Our forces consisting of two regiments as he believes command[ed] by Livingston and Col. Graham then left Dobbs ferry and marched by land to Stoney point and thence went by water to Albany. From Albany Captain Millers company and a company under the command of Captain Abraham Lansing were ordered up to Schoharie and were stationed in the Fort called the Middle Fort. While there our fort was attacked by the enemy and had a smart engagement—which lasted from before sunrise until nearly noon when the enemy drew off and having burned and plundered the settlement on the Schoharie Creek retreated up the Mohawk towards Canada.

Our detachment under the command of Major Woolsey pursued them until within a short distance of Fort Stanwix when we halted and our term of service having expired some three or four days before we marched back to Fort Herkimer where we were discharged.

Again in the year 1781 he enlisted as a soldier and served nine months in Captain Philip Conine's company in Col. Marinus Willetts regiment, was stationed during said term at a place called Spossemascossane about 8 or nine miles from Catskill up to Catskill Creek.

The only persons he knows of by whom he can prove his services or any part thereof are two viz. Storm Ross of the town of Coxsackie in the County of Greene and Wessell Salisbury of the town of Catskill in the same country whose affidavits are herewith presented which relate only to the last nine months service. That he does not recollect of ever receiving a written discharge except one which he has left and has no documentary evidence.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state.

He further declares that he is not personally acquainted with any clergyman in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character.

That he is acquainted with James McGlashorn and Harloon Beach and thinks they can testify as to his character for truth and veracity, and to his service as a revolutionary soldier from reputation. (Signed with his mark) William White.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Israel Day, a Judge.