

### **Pension Application for John R. Whitman**

R.11475 (Widow: Mary)

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At a Surrogates Court the same being a Court of Record held in and for the County of Sullivan State of New York on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1850 personally appeared John R. Whitman a resident of the County of Sullivan in the State of New York aforesaid aged 89 years who being first duly sworn according to Law and makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in a company under Capt. John Jackson on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1777 at Chester in the County of Orange and that in 2 or three days after his Enlistment he marched with the rest of the company under John Jackson to fort Montgomery on the Hudson river the greater part of the time and that they went to work with the companies at building breastworks and fortifying the place and that on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777 the British Army marched up on the West Side of the Hudson river and attacked them in the fort on; the rear and that he was in the fort at the time and remained there until he had orders to retreat and that he started and took a westerly course and made his escape in to a moritorium and that he received a flesh wound in his leg before he left the fort and that he arrived home to his father's house in the Town of Chester in the County of Orange in the morning of the next day a distance of about twenty miles the most of the day threw the woods and that in a day or two after he arrived at home he enlisted and marched under Capt Mc Dowell to join the Northern army and that they arrived at Saratog on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1777 late in the afternoon and that the British army and the American armies was in an engagement and that Capt. McDowell and his company joined in the engagement soon after they arrived the same after noon and that the firing ceased soon after dark and that the next morning they commenced the engagement and continued all day until evening when the firing ceased he thinks on the evening of the 16 and that in the morning of the 17 of October the American army had surrounded the British army and that General Burgoine made a surrender to the [?] American Army and that he remained there with Capt. McDowell a few days and that they then marched to the Susquehanna River and staid at a place called Wyoming and remained there until about the first of December 1777 and that they then marched to a place called Nyack on the Hudson River in the County of Rockland in the State of New York where he remained until about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1777 when he this deponent and the rest of Capt McDowell's Company was discharged and he returned home to the Town of Chester in the County of Orange aforesaid and that he was ;called out on an alarm at one time under Capt Denton and marched to Niack and remained there one month in the year of 1778 and was discharged and returned home to Chester and that in the year of 1779 he enlisted under Capt. Jones for three months and marched to Minnisink on the Neversink river at a place called Dewitt's picket fort where they had an engagement with the Indians then at the fort and the Indians retreated threw the woods to the Delaware river when we overtook them and had an engagement with

them & they out matched us and we retreated back to the frontiers in the county of Ulster and remained there until the three months had expired and that he has not made an application until about three years ago to any agent to make out his papers and the reason why he did not apply before was that he had been told that he could not obtain a pension on the account of his property under the act of 1818 and that he now knew that he could apply under any other law until about three years ago and this deponent further states that the annexed certificate was given to him by the aforesaid John Jackson for his services under him at fort Montgomery for the [?] services and that at the taking of said fort he was wounded under the right groin. (Signed with his mark) John R. Whitman.

Subscribed & sworn to this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1850 before me A. Dinmink Surrogate aforesaid of Sullivan County. N.Y.