

Pension Application for James Whitmore

W.2037 (Widow: Johnannah)

B.L.Wt.188-60-55

B.L.Wt.8050-100 Issued Feb 28, 1791 to John Carpenter assignee.

State of New York

Delaware County SS

On this first day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in & for said county of Delaware personally appears James Whitmore aged fifty seven years & [?] resident in the town of Hancock in said County of Delaware & State of New York who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

That he the said James Whitmore inlisted [enlisted] in the town of New Windsor then in the county of Ulster & State of New York in August 1777 into a company of artillery commanded by Capt. Lieut Machn, (Capt.Blissits late commander being then a prisoner at New York) & was attached to col. Lamb's regiment as he understood formed a part of the New York quota in the line of the Army of the United States—he entered for during the war.

He continued to serve in said corps either as private or a gunner till the close of the war when he was honorably discharged.

That he served in the battle at Fort Montgomery—was with Genl Sullivan in his western expedition against the Indians.

That was engaged in the capture of Cornwallis & commanded a gun at the storming of a redoubt under the command of the Marquis De LaFayette—He was in several skirmishes. He delivered over his discharge as much as thirty years ago to the man towhom he sold his county lands from the State of New York.

That he is very infirm & in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence then is hereunto annexed now in his possession of his services. Signed) James Whitmore

Sworn to & declared before me this 1st May 1818. Gibson Fisher

Letter in folder dated May 29, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Whitmore who served in the New York troops and received a pension from Chenango County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim W.2037, based upon service of James Whitmore in the Revolutionary War.

James Whitmore was born April 4, 1761, place of birth and names of his parents are not shown.

James Whitmore enlisted in New Windsor, Ulster County, New York in August 1777, served as private and gunner, in Captains Bliss' and Thomas Machin's

companies, Colonel John Lamb's regiment of artillery, was in the battle of Fort Montgomery, in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition, at the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, commanded a gun at the restoring of a redoubt under the command of the Marquis DeLafayette, and in several skirmishes, and was discharged at the close of the war.

[In the margin: This history was reviewed & rewritten & when rewritten should have read Captain Bliss' and Captain Lieutenant Thomas Machin's Cos etc., but I let it go as is May 29, but write it correctly next time.]

Because of the Revolutionary War service of James Whitmore Warrant No. 8050 for one hundred acres of bounty land was issued February 29, 1791 to John carpenter, assignee. James Whitmore stated in 1818, that about thirty years before, he had received bounty land from New York State.

James Whitmore was allowed pension on his application executed May 1, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Hancock, Delaware County, New York. In 1820 he was living in Bainbridge, Chenango County, New York.

He died November 20, 180, or bilious fever, in his residence in said Bainbridge.

James Whitmore married May 3, 1813, in Shandaken, Ulster County, New York, Johannah Mott, at which time they were both residing in said Shendaken. Names of her parents are not shown.

The soldier's widow, Johannah, was allowed pension on her application executed April 12, 1853, at which time she was a resident of Bainbridge, New York.

On May 21, 1855, the soldier's widow, Johannah, then a resident of Greene, Chenango County, New York, and aged sixty-two years, applied for bounty land which was due under the Act of March 3, 1855, on account of the service of her husband, James Whitmore, in the Revolutionary War. On this application she was granted bounty land warrant #188, for sixty acres under that act.

In 1853, Betsey A. Whitmore was aged thirty-eight years and living with her mother in the said Bainbridge and stated that she was the only child of James and Johannah Whitmore.

In 1853, Johannah's sister, Mrs. Anna Dalton, born April 10, 1790, was a resident of Bainbridge, New York.

In 1855, one Betsey Amphea Haight, was living in Greene, Chenango County, New York and witnessed the signature of Johannah Whitmore, relationship not stated.