

## **Pension Application for Seth Whitney**

S.23068

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of common pleas now sitting in and for the said county of Delaware, Seth Whitney a resident of the town of Delhi in said county of Delaware and State of New York, aged seventy three 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one to wit, he first enlisted into a company of New York militia commanded by Captain Daniel Williams on the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

He then resided in the town of Frederickstown in the county of Dutchess & State of New York and on that day and in that town he enlisted into said company for nine months.

Capt William's company was then under the command of Major Benschouten who was present at his enlistment.

Whether the said company was then attached to a colonel's command he cannot say. Within some few weeks afterwards it was attached to Col.; Sheldon's regiment & served as infantry under his command.

Afterwards & during the said nine months, the said company still commanded by Capt. Williams was attached to Col. Schammel's regiment of infantry.

He, this Declarant served in said Capt. Williams's company as a private for the full term of his enlistment and was discharged by said Major Benschouten, at a place called Height's Plains in Westchester County, N. E. on the first day of January 1782. He has lost his discharge. During this term of service he was in some skirmishes but in no regular or hand fought battle.

In the month of October 1782 in the fore part of that month & certainly as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> day thereof he enlisted into the army of the United States fur during the war. His enlistment was in a company commanded by Capt. Reed—Lieutenant Peter Nessals was the recruiting officer and a man by the name of Smith was the orderly sergeant. Capt Reeds said company was attached to a regiment of artillery commanded by Col. Lamb.

The Lieut Col. was Stevens & the Major was Banman. The regiment was stationed at West Point. The declarant was in service there & out on fatigue parties during the time of his said mentioned enlistment till his discharge. He was discharged at West Point in the latter part of the month of Col. Stevens handed him his discharge but it is lost. He is confident that he served under this enlistment at least eight

months. He served as a private during the whole of this term. Was in no battle during this term, was employed in garrison duty & on fatigue parties.

During his first mentioned service he was engaged in West Chester County almost exclusively in marches, scouting parties, guarding the lines, foraging, parties [?] was in a party detached to pursue & [?] deserters who had fled to Dutchess county. During the whole time under both enlistments he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

H has no documentary evidence to prove his said services except the depositions of Issachar Robinson & Thomas Gregory hereunto annexed.

He knows of no other persons living by whom he could prove any part of his said services.

He was born in Danbury in Connecticut on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1759.

He has no record of his age. His name was registered in his fathers bible which was taken by his sister. He believes his birth was registered in the town clerks office of his native town.

He was living in Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess, N.Y. at the time of both his aforesaid enlistments. After he left the service at the close of the war he lived in Stephentown in the County of West Chester N.Y. will ;about the year 1797 when he removed to the place of his present residence, then in Middletown now, by a edivision & alteration of towns, in the town of Delhi County of Delaware N.Y.

He stated the names of Erastus Root and Martin Keeler in his present neighborhood to whom he is known, and who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) seth Whitney

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk