

Pension Application for John Williams

S.44084

West Chester Common Pleas

In the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester held at the Court house at White Plains in and for the said County before the Judges of the same Court of September term in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Present. The Honorable Caleb Tompkins first Judge so said County. Edward Kemeys, Henry White, Ezra Lockwood, David Munson, Esquires, Judges of said Court.

West Chester County SS. Be it remembered that on the twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester in open court the said Court being a Court of Record for the County of Westchester according to the Laws of the State of New York, John Williams aged sixty three years or thereabouts a resident of the Town of Greensburgh in the County of West Chester who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said John Williams was enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War in or about the later part of the year of seventeen hundred and seventy six or seventy seven the precise time the declarant does not now recollect, under one Captain Rosecrants for the period of three years in the town of New Castle and said County of West Chester and State of New York and was first attached to the Regiment in the Continental establishment commanded by Col. Debois, in the New York Line.

And the Declarant further saith that he served out his term of listment [enlistment] in said Regiment and line and obtained his regular and honorable discharge from the service.

That shortly or rather immediately after the expiration of said declarant term he the declarant again; enlisted into the Continental Army under one Captain Linn as the declarant believes his name to be and was attached to the Regiment under the command of Col. Mathews in the Virginia Line for a period of and during the war and the Declarant further saith that owing to the reduction & loss of men out of said Regiment from time to time he the declarant was transferred from time to time during the year and served other corps and Regiments the names of the officers commanding the same the declarant cannot distinctly recollect.

And the Declarant further saith that he continued in the Continental army until the close of the war at which time owing to a wound he received in the Battle of four mile creek in the State of Virginia which disabled Declarant from doing military duty the declarant was taken by one Doc Samuel Yates a Surgeon in the army as his servant [??]

And Declarant further saith that he recd his regular & Honorable Discharged from the army at Annapolis in the State of Meriland [Maryland] after the close of the Revolutionary War.

And the Declarant further saith that during the war the war the Declarant further saith that during the war the Declarant further saith that During the war the Declarant served under Genl Wayne, Baron Stuben [Von Steuben] and several other General officers the names of whom the Declarant cannot call to mind.

Declarant further saith that he was in the Battle at Stony Point in the State of New York under the command of Genl Wayne and Declarant at that time was attached to the immediate command of Col Stewart was in the Battle of four mile creek in the State of Virginia where the Declarant received two wounds and Declarant further saith that he was at the taking of Cornwallis at the Battle of York and further that he hath been repeatedly engaged in small skirmishes and the Declarant further saith that the hath lost his regular Discharge and that he is not able to procure nor hath been in his power to procure any other evidence of his service except the affidavits hereunto annexed. (Signed with his mark) John Williams