

Pension Application for John Williamson

S.11854

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS

On the thirteenth day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Justices Court in the county of Albany and state of New York aged eighty two 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 act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

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

That in the year 1776 he was enrolled as a private in the militia of the said City under Captain John Beeckman and in the Regiment whereof Jacob Lansing Jr. was Colonel, and stood a draft made for men to march to Johnstown in order to Capture Sir John Johnson and his tory adherents and deponents but got clear by drawing a blank ticket.

In 1777 he served under Capt Israel Defreest, and was out on duty at various times for six months and upwards.

In 1778 he was in service under Captain Gerrit Groesbeck and marched to Fort Hunter and other places on the Mohawk River and found six months & upwards. Under Captain Teunis VanVechten and other officers whom he does not now recollect, and served against tories an Indians with vicinity of Albany and Schoharie and elsewhere and was out six months and more.

In 1780 he served again under Captain Groesbeck & went to the Beverdam, Schoharie, Turlock and Cobelskill in defense of the Inhabitants and to protect them whilst harvesting and brining in their grain, and was ij service from May to November inclusive.

In 1781 he believes out under Captain Abraham Schuyler, when the enemy burnt and destroyed the settlements on the Mohawk river and was out one month and better; and that the whole period of his said services amounted in all to twenty months and better. That he has never received any annuity or pension for his said services, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present ,and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Williamson

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. John G. Wasson, Clk

Letter in folder dated May 29, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that the records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a John Williamson, Captain Ross' Company, or to a John Williamson who served with Fondey's Party. You are herewith furnished the history of John Williamson, of Albany County, New York.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11854, it appears that John Williamson was born June 19, 1750, place not stated.

In the year 1766 he was enrolled as a private in the Militia of Albany, New York, “under Captain John Beeckman and in the regiment whereof Jacob Lansing, Jr. was Colonel and stood a draft made for men to march to Johnstown in order to capture Sir John Johnston [Johnson] and his Tory adherents and dependents, but got clear by drawing a blank ticket.”

In 1777, he enlisted and served at various times each year until 1781, entire length of service twenty months, as a private under Captains Isaac Defreest, Gerrit Groesbeeck, Teunis T. Van Vechten and Abraham Schuyler in the New York troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 13, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Albany, Albany County, New York.

He died May 21, 1836.

There are no data concerning his family.