

Pension Application for Jedidiah Williamson

W.19643 (Widow: Sophia)

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On this second day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Jedidiah Williamson a resident of Brookhaven in said county and state, aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

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

That he entered as a volunteer in a company of militia called a “minute company” at Brookhaven aforesaid about the first of December 1775—That the company was raised and called into service on the recommendation of the “Committee of Safety” as well for the defence and protection of that part of Long Island as to cooperate generally with companies of the same description in other parts of the Island for the common defence. That the company was commanded by Capt Daniel roe and Lieutenants Hugh Smith and David Fanning. That he served in said company for five months and until he enlisted into another company as hereinafter stated.

That he enlisted as a private for the term of six months on or about the first day of June 1776 at Brookhaven aforesaid in the company of state troops commanded by Capt Joshua Rogers and Lieutenant William Clark and Ebenezer Phillips, which company was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake, in General Scotts Brigade, and that John Hulbert was the Lieut Col and [blank] Hatfield the Major of said regiment—

That soon after his enlistment he went from Brookhaven to Huntington by land, and from thence with the company by water to the City of New York where he remained on duty until a few days previous to the battle on Long Island, when he was ordered over to that place to assist in preventing the landing of the British troops— That he was in the battle on Long Island, and retreated with the army under General Washington to the city of New York and remained in New York until the British took possession of that city which was about a the 14th or 15th of September . That after leaving the city of New York he was marched to Kingsbridge where he was encamped in temporary barracks for some time, how long he cannot tell—from thence he was ordered to White Plains and remained there until after the battle.

That he was, then ordered to Peekskill where he was encamped for some time, and from thence he was sent across the North River into New Jersey, where he remained until some time in December (he thinks about Christmas) when he was discharged from further service and returned home to Long Island. That he never received a written discharge, nor has he in his possession any documentary evidence relating to his claim.

That he knew Generals Washington, Putnam, Lee and Sullivan Colonel Malcolm, Major Fish, Captain's Dean, Parsons and Drake.

That he was born in the town of Southold in said county on the 27th day of March 1757 where he resided until the year 1771 when he removed to Brookhaven and then continued until his enlistment as before mentioned. That after his discharge from the service of the United States he lived one year in the then town of Southold, now Riverhead, when he removed to the town of Islip in said county.

That in the year 1787 he removed from Islip to Brookhaven where he has ever since resided.

That the record of his age is in the hands ;of his brothers family at Southold.

That the Reverend Zechariah Greene and John R. Satterly both residing in his neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief that he was a soldier in the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jedidiah Williamson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joseph L. Huntling Clk

Letter in folder dated July 8, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19643, it appears that Jedidiah Williamson was born March 27, 1757, at Southold, Suffolk County, New York.

While residing at Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows:

From December 1, 1775, five months, in Captain Daniel Roe's Company; from June 1, 1776, six months, in Captain Joshua Rogers' Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment and was in the battle of Long Island.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 2, 1832, at which time he was living in Brookhaven, New York.

He died January 9, 837.

The soldier married Charity. Her maiden name is not stated, nor is the date of their marriage or the date of her death given.

He married March 23, 1793, at Setauket, Suffolk County, New York, Sophia, the daughter of Elnathan Satterly.

She was allowed pension on her application executed October 3, 1846, at which time she as living in Brookhaven, New York and was aged eighty years.

She died April 9, 1847.

The children by his first wife were:--Seth, who in 1846 was a resident of Milford, Pike County, Pennsylvania, and stated that he was ten or eleven years of age when his father married the second time, and John M. who in 1847 was living in Brookhaven, New York.

Children by the second wife:

Charity born February 22, 1794; married Wickham Rutland;

Deborah born February 5, 1796;
Nancy born August 21, 1797;
William S. born May 25, 1800;
Mary Ann born February 7, 1804.