

Pension Application for Thomas Willis or Willes

W.6526 (Widow: Anna) Thomas died the sixth day of December 1846.

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BIRTHS

Thomas Willis born 1st May 1759

Anna Atkins born Sept 15, 1766

Archibald Willis born May 15th 1781

Bedidiah Willis born May 18th 1784

Enoch Willis born March 22th 1787

Deborah Willis born March 23^d 1789

Darius Willis born June 20th 1791

Charlotte Willis born May 19th 1793

Jerusha Willis born August 28 1795

Asa L. Asahel Willis twins born October 2nd 1797

Lovisa Willis born May 25th 1800

Malinda Willis born February 15th 1803.

Benjamin Boldra born October 31 1796

Jerusah W. Boldra born August the 28, 1797

Elizabeth Boldra born May the 17 1815

Asa W. Boldra born March the 4 1822

Cana Boldra born April 25 1724

Alvin Boldera born July 13, 1726

Anna Boldra born February 25, 1727

MARRIAGES

Thomas Willis and Anna Atkins married the 14th of February 1781

Asa Willis and Wetthy Barber married the 8th of August

Asahel Willis and Patty Livermore married the 5th of December 1824.

Benjamin Boldra and Jerusha Willis married September 13, 1818

William Carlton and Elizabeth Boldra married June the 10 1840?

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Livingston SS

On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of said County now sitting Thomas Willis a resident of the Town of Springwater in the County of Livingston and State of New York, aged 77 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 in the month of March as near as he can recollect [recollect] the year he cannot precisely [precisely] state but thinks it was in the year 1775 or 1776 there was a company of minute men raised to stand as such for one year that he volunteered his services to be one of the company subject to be called out at a moments warning. That the time this company was raised he resided in what was then called "Philips Patent" in the County of Cutchess in the State of New York and that the company was commanded by Capt David Heacox and that at the times (Sept of 1777) Danbury was destroyed by the british [British] forces he was called out upon an alarm and joined his company he does not recollect what month but marched immediately to Danbury and Joined the Army then [?] as he believes of Militia and that immediately after Danbury was burned the british Troops went on Board then fled & that he continued in the service along East River near a place called Throgs Point for the purpose of preventing the British troops from relanding and that he was out in this campaign about six months and that immediately on his return, he was again called out by order of Col. Luddleton [sic] for the purpose [purpose] of preventing the Cowboys from taking cattle to the British Camp and that he was out on a scouting party in the neighbourhood of the Fishkill Mountains, and near Peekskill detected a party of Cowboys with about seventy head of cattle which were driven back to Col. Luddleton's premises there advertised so that the owners could receive their property again and that he was out upon this Tour as near as he can recollect about six weeks and that during the whole year which he stood as a minute man he was continually alarmed & out upon Scouting Parties sometimes for a week & sometimes only a day.

And that on the spring of the year 1776 he thinks, he enlisted into UStates [United States] service in the Revolutionary War for one year and that his officers as near as he can recollect were Lieutenant Crane and Capt Wm Calkins & that the company into which he was mustered was raised in Philips Patent in Dutches [Dutchess] County as before described.

That he first marched to Peekskill and joined other companies & then marched to Peekskill and jointed the other companies & then marched to Kingsbridge near New York and there joined the main army and was in Col Swartwouts Regiment thinks General Green had the command of the army at Kingsbridge that he went on Long Island with the main army and there had an engagement with the main British Army & was oblige[d] to retreat back to Kingsbridge he was then taken out of the main army with a number of other soldiers for the purpose[e] of maning [manning] fort [Fort] Washington and that at the time orders were received to evacuate fort Washington he & two other soldiers succeeded in Reaching the Jersey Shore in a scull boat & that he understood that most part of the troops the number he does not recollect were taken prisoners & that immediately after he reached the Jersey Shore learned that the American forces were then at White Plains where he proceeded and immediately joined the army and was in the Battle at White Plains and that after the Battle of White Plains he was marched to Peekskill and from thence to fort Consitution and there went on board of a schooner was taken to West Point and there assisted in Drawing timber from the woods by what was then called [Tag?] ropes which service was very

fatiguing as it was performed without the assistance of beams that the effect in procuring the time was to sink a Chevausdefries [chevaux de fries] in the River to prevent the British shipping [shipping] from going up the North river.

That he continued at West Point until his term of enlistment, had expired and was duly discharged after undergoing a Series of hardships & privations. That he is not in possession of any documentary evidence that under the pension act of 1818 he made application for a pension & he thinks procured three persons who were acquainted with his last years service on which he Relyed [applied] for a pension under that act & that he presumes that the testimony in question is now at the War Department accomanieiny [accompanying] his first application. The reason why he did onto receive a pension on his first application as he understood was in consequence of his services haveing [having] been rendered in the militia.

He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Willes

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. J. G. Haven Dep Clerk.