

## **Pension Application for Andrew Willson**

S.11849

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this third day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting Andrew Wilson a resident of the town of Montgomery in Orange County and State of New York aged seventy one 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 7 June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he served for two months as a substitute for his brother Thomas who had enlisted for five months and took sick before his time was out under Cap James Millikin of said town of Montgomery in the Regiment commanded by Col Paulding the Elder, at Fort Constitution on the North River opposite to Fort Montgomery—that it was in the year 1776 as he thinks and was the year the English were in possession of Long Island.

That at another time in the fall of the year 1777 and two or three days after Fort Montgomery was taken by the English (in Oct 1777) he served one month as a substitute for his father at Newburgh and New Windsor on the North River in the company commanded by Eugene Burns guarding those places against the English—that Cap. Millekin of said company had been killed at the taking of Fort Montgomery and Col McLauhrey taken prisoner, and that the Regiment in which he served was commanded by one George Denniston and that Gen James Clinton was in command along the North River at the time.

That at another time he served as a substitute for one Jacob Laurence for two months under Cap Jacob Conklin at Nichols Point on the North River in Orange County aforesaid and between New Windsor and the highlands building forts—that his time was out and he left the service in the month of January when the weather was very cold but in what year cannot positively state.

That in the year 1781 he served for a class in the County of Dutchess for the period of Four Months under Cap Godwin in the Regiment command by Col Wisenfelt that he was mustered at Newburgh and proceeded from thence to Fishkill Dutchess Co N. Your—was then about two weeks learning the manual exercise—then marched to White Plains Westchester Co. N. York and staid only one night, then marched to Albany N. York then the deponent was divided and half went to Saratoga and the other half to Johnstown to guard it against the Indians.

That he went with the Division to Johnstown—that part of these latter named troops went to Fort Hunter on the Mohawk and he went with them—that from there he went with the troops to Fort Herkimer and then to Fort Stanwix—from then [?] back to Johnstown and finally joined the Regiment at Saratoga and laid there till his time of four months was out and he [was] discharged.

That there were many militia and standing troops at Saratoga—Gen Stark was then in command—that the battle at Johnstown by the troops under Co. Willet with the Tories and Indians was on the same day that he arrived at Saratoga as above stated and sixty prisoners taken.

That after Fort Montgomery on the N. River was taken by the English and while fortifying West Point and during the years 1778-1779 & 1780 he was ordered out on alarms and was engaged in building said fortifications very often, and frequently every few weeks—some times would be out ten days at others two and three weeks and at other periods and on other kinds of service he was out in actual services not less than three months in the whole.

That in answer to the Enquires put by the War Department he states that he was born in the town of Montgomery Orange County N. York on the 16 day of January 1781 that he has no record of his age.

That he lived in said town of Montgomery Or Co. N. York when called into service, that he has continued to reside there ever since and still does reside there.

The 4 & 5 Interrogatories are answered in the body of the Declaration—that he never had a written Discharge and has no written [?] of his services, but that Samuel A. Crawford, Nathaniel P. Hill and John Newhart will testify as to the services and reputation of the applicant.

He hereby relinquishes his 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) Andrew Willson

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asa Duning Clerk