

Pension Application for William Winfield or Windfield

R.11709 (Widow: Margaret) They married November 15, 1784, William died October 20, 1841.

State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Winfield a resident of the Town of Warwick in said County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy eight years last June 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 the 7th June 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 called out under Cap William Blain belonging to Col John Hathorn's regiment and was marched from Warwick to New Windsor and from there went on board a sloop to Fort Montgomery was kept there the first time about three weeks and afterwards was on another tour to the same place under the same Captain and went from Fort Montgomery to Haverstraw does not remember how long but thinks four weeks as near as he can recollect he next went on duty at Ramapo and near Judge Suffern generally under Captains Blain and Minthorn was on duty at least one fourth of the time during summer and was all the winter stationed at Closter was with the party that took the Tea and Liquors from the British at Hackensack.

Was several different times at Minisink under Cap Blain and under Capt. McCambly and other officers of Col Hathorn's regiment took his tours to guard the Frontier for three or four different summers remembers being there under Cap Richard Bayley and Cap Colonel Shepherd was a great deal of the time on duty at the different Forts at Peenpack [?] and other places along the Delaware river. Was under Cap Andrew Miller at Paramus he thinks four weeks.

Went on a tour of duty from New Windsor (where he had been called on an alarm) as one of a guard to attend ammunition wagons thro Goshen to Easton Pennsylvania under the command of Col Hathorn thinks from the time he left home on the alarm untill he got home from Easton was at least four weeks.

Was on duty at West Point at the time of building the Fort at that place does not recollect the exact time he was detained there.

That in the year '79 (as he thinks) he was stationed at Fishkill under the command of Cap McCambly and served there two months. Was often called on and went to guard the different mountain passes and was often out on short tours of duty after Tories and refugees about the Warsaw Mountains and the clove was drafted and served three months under Cap John Wood at Haverstraw Closter Hackensack Tappan and other places on the west side of the Hudson river. Went on an expedition through the Jersey Mountains by the way of Col. Swards and Newfoundland and about there and returned nearly the same way was at the time under Col. Blain does

not remember how long gone. That during the war he does not recollect the year he insited as a volunteer for nine months under Cap John Wisner and lay at New Windsor a while and crossed the river and went down and lay at a small fort opposite or nearly opposite where West Point Fort was afterwards build served the time out and was discharged verbally but received no written discharge.

That he served in each year from 1776 to 1782 that the statement here made is imperfect and does not specify near all his services as a militia man during said war more than two years.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and does not know of a single officer under whom he served now living.

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.

That during the war he served as a substitute for Rich'd Edsall Esqr for Bruce Rickay and for John Sutton one tour of duty for each—each tour he thinks was about three weeks went for thence to the mountain pass at and at Suffern's.

Was born in the Town of Warwick and has always resided in the said Town and still resides there.

In answer to the interrogatories specially put by the Court the deponent answers as follows.

1st He was born in the town of Warwick in the County of Orange that he is seventy eight years old last June.

2 Deponent has no record of his age the same having been lost.

3 Deponent served in the said town of Warwick when called into service and has ever since and still does live in the same place.

4th Interrogatory deponent saith that he was called into service as is particularly detailed in the affidavit aforesaid sometimes the whole redgiment was ordered out and drafted & as a substitute and but enlisted as a volunteer. He went as a substitute for Bruce Rickey Richard Echale Esquire John Sutton.

5th Interrogatory he answers Capt Marvin, Andrew Miller, John Sayer, were out with him; but he cannot recollect any other Continental or militia officers than those stated in the body of his aforesaid affidavit or other circumstances of his service.

6 Interrogatory he answers that he never received any written discharge.

7th Interrogatory. He answers the know the following person in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit Roger Howell, William A. Carr, James Bunt Esquire, Enoch Jackson William Knap and Azeriah Ketcham. (Signed with his mark) William Winfield

Subscribed & Sworn the 4th day of Sept. Asa Duning Clerk