

Pension Application for Charles Wood

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State of New York

Cattaraugus County SS

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting Charles Wood a resident of Conewango in the said County of Cattaraugus & State of New York aged sixty four 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 the deponent resided with his father in Ballstown in Saratoga County, in this state, that the citizens of that section of Country were much harassed by the Indians & Torys during the Revolution, and were compelled to do much service in their own defence as volunteers.

That the deponent volunteered in the spring of the year 1780 and served as a guard at the Picket fort at Ballstown in Saratoga County during the summer and was discharged at the same place late in the fall of the same year, after the season had become so cold that the danger to be apprehended from the enemy had ceased.

That he served under Major Mitchel who had the command of the Militia which were in service at that place and in the vicinity. That there were guards stationed throughought [throughout] the settlements, that there were a few regular Troops at the fort about one company who were shipped occasionally and the names of the officers are not recollected. That the deponent served in a smal [small] guard under Sergeant Manuel Dake and were stationed about three miles southerly from the fort. Their business was to keep watch and patroll [sic] nights, to detect torys & protect the inhabitants from their depredations, that this service was eight months or over.

That the next year 1780 the deponent was hired by a class of citizens who were to furnish a soldier or stand a draft, and received of them thirty bushels of wheat for enlisting for nine months.

That he entered the service early in the spring cannot remember the date, but thinks the first of April, served in a company under Lieutenant Watson, Sergeant McIntosh, the Captain of the Company was on the Mohawhawk [Mohawk] river with a part of the company and his name is not recollected, that they belonged to a Regiment commanded by Col. Livingston, a Militia Regiment drafted into the service, that Lieutenant John Watson was from Albany and was stationed at the fort at Ballstown above mentioned as a guard with about 26 soldiers, did not march far from that station, and was in no battles when their time had expired they went to Schenectada and were discharged the 24th of December of the same year (being the day before Christmas).

The deponent says that he was the person who first saw Job Bettis the Tory and gave where he was, and that he was taken the next day, sent to Albany and afterwards was hung at Albany.

That he has no written evidence of his said services and does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure of his service.

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) Charles Wood

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Don Allen, Senior Judge.