

Pension Application for John Adams

W.23415 (Widow: Hannah) John died Sept 30, 1830.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

John Adams being duly sworn saith that he is now a Citizen of the County of Genesee in the State of New York, that from his reduced circumstances in life he needs the assistance of his Country for support, that he is now Fifty five years of age, and is not able to perform active manual labor.

And this deponent further saith that he enlisted in the Continental Service on the 4th day of March A.D. 1782 for; three years in a company commanded by Capt. James Tisdale in the 3d Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Maxfield, that he continued in Service untill the month of January in the year 1784 when he was discharged at West Point in the State of New York, by Genl Knox, but that it is not in the power of this Deponent to produce his discharge as it has been lost.

And this deponent further saith that he relinquishes all claim on the United States for any other pension and that he never has received any pension whatever—and further saith now. (Signed) John Adams.

Sworn and subscribed this 13th day of April A.D. 1818. James Stevens one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Genesee County, N.Y.

Letter in folder dated May 4, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to John Adams, a soldier of the War of the Revolution, from Lexington, Massachusetts.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.23415, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Adams.

While residing in Lexington, Massachusetts, he enlisted March 4, 1782 and served as a private in Captain James Tisdale's company in Colonel Greaston's Third Massachusetts regiment, he was discharged in January 1784.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 13, 1818, at which time he was living in Genesee County, New York, and was about fifty-five years of age.

In 1820 he was living in Stafford, New York, and he died, September 30, 1830 in Elba, New York.

He married August 15, 1790 in the Parish of Winterbury, Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut, Hannah Smith, who was born in January, 1771.

The widow, Hannah, was allowed pension on her application executed November 25, 1843, then a resident of Stafford, New York.

The following are the names of their children as found in the claim:

John born January 18, 1792.

Horace or Horris born September 25, 1794.

Mary Ann born September 29, 1811.

The following children survived their mother; John, who in 1850 was living in Stasfford, New York; and Horace.

Eunice Wilcox, a sister of the widow, Hannah Adams, was living in 1843 in Palermo, New York.

There are no further data as to family.