

Pension Application for William Adams

W.23410 (Widow: Anna) Born Oct. 1753 or 1754. Died Apr 1, 1841.

State of New York

Chautauqua County SS.

On this twelvth [Twelfth] day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Chautauqua & State of New York personally appeared William Adams aged Sixty three years six months and twenty three days resident in the County & State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war". That the said William Adams enlisted either in the month of April or May in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five as a private soldier in the company commanded by Captain William King (called Boston troops) in Colonel Lellows Regiment.

That he enlisted in Roxbury Massachusetts—for eight months during which time he was in actual service at or near Dorchester where he was enlisted immediately—into the same company commanded by the said Captain King & in the regiment commanded by Col. Ward for one year. Which said last mentioned enlistment was at Dorchester Massachusetts in the months of January or February (which he cannot precisely recollect) in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six & in the Spring following he was marched to New York & served in Cunnol [Colonel] Sullivans division and continued in actual service in New York & Long Island until the month of August then next when he was wounded in the battle at Harlaam Heights so severely that he was unfit for duty. That he was sent to the hospital at Hackensack in the State of New Jersey where he remained until the British drove him away.

That he then obtained a furlow to return home until he should be fit for duty & that he was not able to join the army until after the expiration of the year above mentioned, therefore he did onto receive a discharge in writing.

That he was never afterwards called onto Join the army & since that time to do military duty.

That he was in the battle above mentioned and also n the battle on Long Island under General Sullivan & in General Sullivans division & that he served in several skirmishes near Boston & on York Island. But that he cannot recollect every particular as such a length of time has expired.

And that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and htat he has not the free & liberal use of one of his arms & one hip, in consequence of wounds that he received in the battle at Harleam Heights-- & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) William Adams

Sworn to Subscribed & declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Matthew Pendergast. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.