

Pension Application for John Dobson

S.34756

State of Massachusetts

I John Dobson, a Citizen of the United States, now resident in Gloucester in the County of Essex in the Sate aforesaid, do on oath testify and declare, that in the War of the Revolution in autumn of the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & eighty one, I entered and was engaged in the land service of the United States on the continental establishment, and served accordingly from that time to the seventh of June in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred & eighty three in the New York line of the army as a private against the common enemy, without any interruption or absence: that I belonged to Captain [blank] Company in Regiment of Col. John McKinstry till the spring of the year 1782, when I was exchanged with one Jonathan Trimmins & was transferred to the company of Capt Sam'l T. Rell in the regiment of Col. Philip VanCortlandt in the same line and that I left the service on the expiration of the term afores'd being honorably discharged and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life and poverty, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support, being now of the age of sixty five years. My discharge, being lost thru' lapse of time I have not any other evidence to us than is herewith exhibited it not being in my power to go to New York or to procure evidence in Massachusetts.

And I hereby relinquish all claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the United States, if any may be or hath been so allowed. (Signed) John Dobson

Be it remembered, that on this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen pursuant to a law of the United States, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", made and passed on the 18th of March, A.D. 1818, personally appeareth before me the Subscriber one of Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the middle Circuit within the State aforesaid, and subscribes the same in my presence; and on examination duly made by me the said Judge, it appeareth to my satisfaction that the said declaration is true. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my name & the seal of s'd Court. Wm. Wetmore