

Pension Application for William Odell

S.23827

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State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

Be it remembered, that one the twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the City and County of New York now sitting William Odell a resident of the City and County of New York aged seventy one years who was 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 7 day of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Westchester and State of New York, that he is now seventy one years of age, has a record of his birth in the family Bible.

That on or about the first day of May one thousand Seven hundred and seventy eight, then being aged about seventeen years he was enrolled in Captain Requas Company of Col. Hammonds Regiment of New York State Militia, he entered the Regiment at TarryTown in the county of Westchester and state of New York at which place he then resided.

That Col. Hammond's Regiment was ordered down to the lines in Westchester County, the lines were then commanded by Col .Aaron Burr and extended from TarryTown on the Hudson River to or near Sawpitts on the Long Island Sound, deponent remained doing duty in said lines until the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight a period of [tear] months when he was discharged but received no written discharge.

That on the first day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine the declarant volunteered in Captain James Tellers Company, Col. Samuel Drakes Regiment, Westchester Militia, of which Regiment John Hyatt was Lieutenant Colonel, that said Regiment was then doing duty in the said County of Westchester and were during the same month of May ordered to the line of the County Col Burr had then given up the command of the line and the declarant does not remember who then commanded, the lines had been drawn back from TarryTown to the banks of the Croton River where declarant encamped with the Regiment. In the month [blot] of the same year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine [blot] at the Croton River were attacked by the British forces, [blot] the regiment to which declarant belonged, then stationed at Crum Pond were overpowered by the enemy's Light horse and a number taken prisoners, the British having been forced to retreat the Regiment on receiving reinforcements were enabled to regain their former positions and declarant remained doing duty on the lines until about the first day of December of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine when he was discharged, but received no written discharge.

In the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty the declarant joined Captain Ebenezer Body's Company of the same Regiment of Col. Samuel Drake, but were not ordered on the lines, the County of Westchester being at that time in a

state of continual alarm from the frequent skirmishes of the British and Refugees, the declarant was frequently called out I with others belonging to the Regiment for the purpose of repelling their attacks and at one period succeeded in recapturing nine hordes which had been stolen from the farmers friendly to the American cause which were returned to the owners.

This was in the month of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty during the autumn of this year to the best of this declarants recollection the enemy made an attack on the lines of the American Army at Croton River and succeeded in capturing Col. Thompson and a portion of his regiment after as severe skirmish in which many were killed about the latter end of October in that year (1780) deponent retired from the company having been in actual service about the term of three months.

On or about the first day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, the refugees and tories having [blot] so bold as to commit almost nightly depredation son the unarmed inhabitants of the County of Westchester, friendly to the cause of Liberty, deponent again joined the Company of Captain Ebenezer Boyd & Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment, Westchester Militia and were again ordered to the lines, on declarants joining the company he was appointed Orderly Sergeant in which capacity he continued to act until the Regiment was disbanded as is hereinafter mentioned, and as the County of Westchester was then liable to daily attacks from the British the Tories and the Refugees, the Regiment was ordered to the lines, where to the best of the declarants recollection during the autumn of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one they were joined by a continental Regiment under the command of Col Green and Major Flagg, the lines of the American army were then on the Croton River and during the month of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, the Regiment of Col. Green was attacked by the British at Pine bridge in which many were killed and taken prisoners among the killed was Col Green and Major Flagg, declarant continued in service until the Regiment was disbanded in the close of the fall one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, declarants company was obliged to mount guard every fourth night during their continuance in the camp and on the lines, they remained in camp and on the lines (during the two years above mentioned) about twelve months, and were for the remaining part of the tiem employed indifferent arts of the County of Westchester and in the adjoining counties in expeditions against the enemy deponent left the army at the time the Regiment was disbanded which he believes was on or about the first day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, he served in Captain Request company, Col Hammonds Regiment for seven months in Captain tellers company of Col Drakes Regiment seven months, in Captain [blot] company of Col. Drakes Regiment, at one period three months and at another period one year and seven months making the declarants whole period of service in the Revolutionary War, three years for which services he claims a pension.

He has no documentary evidence except that which is hereto annexed and has received no written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes all claim and pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) William Odell

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Abm Asten, Clk

Letter in folder dated February 16, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23827, it appears that William Odell was born in Westchester County, New York, date not stated.

While residing at Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York, he entered the New York Troops as follows—

From May 1, 1778 to December 1, 1778 as a private in Captain Requa's Company, Colonel Hamman's Regiment.

From May 1, 1779 to December 1, 1779 as a private in Captain James Teller's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Company.

From the spring of 1780 at various times to the last of October 1780, three months in all as a private in captain Ebenezer Boyd's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment.

From May 1, 1781 to December 1782 at various times as Orderly Sergeant in all twelve months in Captain Ebenezer Boyd's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 23, 1833, while a resident of New York City, aged seventy-one years.

In 1855, soldier was living at Kendall, Orleans County, New York.

It is not stated whether soldier was married.