

Pension Application for Albert Pawling

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State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

Henry Pawling of the city and County of Schenectady being duly sworn says he is the brother of Albert Pawling of the City of Troy—that in the year 1773 the said Albert received the appointment of Second Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Col. James Clinton—which Regiment joined the army, commanded by Gen. R. Montgomery – that the said Albert went in the said Regiment to attack Quebeck [Quebec] in that year, and that he was in the attack on assault against Quebeck under Montgomery on the last of December in that year, as this deponent was then informed & has always understood & believes that the said Albert remained absent on that expedition during the winter of 1775-6—that the said Albert was appointed Brigade Major in 1776 by George Clinton Y served as such under him—that he the said Albert was afterwards appointed Major in one of the sixteen continental Regiments of which William Malcom was Colonel and A. Burr Lieutenant Colonel – that the said Albert afterwards was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of Regiment of Levies raised for the defense of the frontiers of the State of New York—that this deponent was appointed an officer I the nine months service in the year 1776 & in the said Continental Army in the year 1777 & continued in the service till the end of the war in 1783—

That Levi Pawling the father of his deponent and of the said Albert died in church 1782 and that the said Albert and this deponent were appointed Executors of the said Levi in & by the last will of the said Levi—that in consequence therein of it became necessary for the said Albert or this deponent to return home from the army to attend to the affairs of the family and that the said Albert being the elder brother did leave the army accordingly. (Signed) Henry Pawling.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October AD 1830.

I. McComibe, a Judge of Rens. Com. Pleas of the degree of Counsellor at Law in the Sup. Court.

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On this seventh day of August 1832, personally appeared before the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy, Albert Pawling, a resident of the City of Troy in the County of Rensselaer, and State of New York, aged eighty two 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832:--

That he makes this application on the score of his service in the Regular Army of the Revolution:

That he was born in the town of Marbletown, in the County of Ulster and State Of New York, on the 1st day of April 1750.

In June 1775, when being and residing with Peter VanNess at Claverack, (now in the County of Columbia) in the said State of New York, in the capacity of accountant in his store, he received the appointment of 2nd Lieutenant in the Company of which Jacobus Brown was Captain, in a Regiment of the Regular Army of the Revolution, of which Regiment James Clinton was Colonel:--

That sometime in the month of September, then next following, he marched with said Regiment from Sopus or Esopus (new Kingston) in Ulster County aforesaid to Lake George and having joined the army commanded by General Richard Montgomery, was with him at the taking of St. Johns; and under him, marched to LaPraire, and thence to Quebec, and was with him at the time of, and present at the assault on Quebec; and remained there with the army, until the 22d of April following. Soon after his return to his native residence, he was in 1778, appointed Brigade Major, in the Corps of the six and nine months men, by General George Clinton, with whom he was present at the battle of White Plains, and remained with him until the last of December 1776.

Early in the summer of 1777, while he was at Fort Montgomery, he was appointed Major in one of the sixteen "Additional Regiments", of which William Malcolm was Colonel; and remained in the service in that Regiment till the summer of 1779.

He first joined the army with this Regiment at Ramapoc, in the State of New York, and thence marched into Pennsylvania, and joined the main army under General Washington, the dater the battle of Germantown; then marched to Valley Forge and remained there in winter quarters. After the enemy evacuated Philadelphia, he marched with the army in pursuit, and overtook them at Monmouth, where was fought the memorable battle of Monmouth, in which he was engaged. From Monmouth he marched according to his best recollection, to west Point.—

From thence he marched to Haverstraw, and wintered there. From there ordered to Tioga Point; but before arriving there, the two Regiments of Colonels William Malcom and Oliver Spencer were incorporated, and then he left the service.

That expecting an incorporation to take place, he wrote to General Washington for leave to residing; and received from General Washington, in answer, a letter, (of which a copy, attested by General Peter B. Porter, is sent with this affidavit, and of which the original is framed and hung in the dwelling of this deponent in the City of Troy and so cannot be sent), stating that as he, Albert Pawling, was the only Major in the two Regiments, the Commander in Chief wished him to remain in office as Major of the combined Regiment.

That in the summer of 1779 he was appointed Colonel Commandant of Levies annually raised for the defence of the frontier of the State of New York and remained in that service till the end of December 1781—

That in the spring of 1782 he declined receiving again the last mentioned appointment, as his father's death on the 2d of March 1782, made it necessary for him to return to his family, his father having made him an executor of his (the father's), will.—

That the levies under his command, in the years 1779, 1780, and 1781, occupied a line of posts, from the town of Catskill on the Hudson River, to the Minisink—a distance of about eighty miles; and that he believes that, a part of the time he commanded such levies, one VanBunschoten was a Major under him & of the field officers, which whom he served, at different times, he recollects Cornelius Wynkoop, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Regiment of Colonel James Clinton, when it joined the army of General Montgomery.

That when he served as Brigade Major, under General Clinton, his father, Levi Pawling and Henry Swartwout were Colonels in the said Brigade, and that Aaron Burr was a Lieutenant Colonel of William Malcom's Regiment, while this deponent served as Major in the same. That the accompanying affidavits of Henry Pawling, and Peter Taulman the certificate of Aaron Burr, were obtained sometime since, for the purpose of applying directly to Congress for a pension; and which are sent herewith, as collateral proof of the facts above declares.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency of any state.

And this deponent further says, that he has lost his original commissions, and his discharge, so that neither can be produced.

That he knows of no living witness, who can be procured to testify, without great expense and inconvenience to this deponent.

That the deponents swearing to the accompanying affidavits, to wit, Henry Pawling and Peter Taulman, could not be produced without great expense, and extreme inconvenience, at the very advanced age of this deponent. And that such is the prevalence of disease, in New York, where Colonel Aaron Burr is supposed to be, that this deponent dare not go there to get his testimony. (Signed) Albert Pawling

Subscribed & sworn to, the day & year aforesaid this 8th day of August 1832 before me. F. Gardner, Recorder of Troy