

Pension Application for Richard Whaling

S.43304

State of New York

Broome County SS

On this 4th day of May 1818, before me, Anson Camp, one of the Judges of the Court Common Pleas, in and for the county of Broome, in the state of New York, personally appears Richard Whaling aged sixty years, resident in the town of Owego, in the said county of Broome, who being by me first duly sworn, 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 and naval services of the United States, in the Revolutionary War".

That he the said Richard Whaling, enlisted into the Continental service, according to the best of his recollection, in the month of December, in the year 1776, at a town called Claverack, in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Capt. John Wendell in the 1st New York Regiment, commanded by Col. Gosea Van Scoyck [Goose Van Schaick] for the term of three years.

That immediately after he was enlisted, he was marched to Albany, where the company was mustered, and from thence to Fort Ann, where they remained till some time in May or June following, when they were removed to Fort Edward—that they remained at Fort Edward till after the battle [battle] at Fort Ann, when they were marched to Fort Miller, and from thence to Stillwater, at which place his regiment left the main army, and was marched to Fort Stanwiche [Stanwix] that they remained at this place till late in the fall, when they were removed to Schenectady, where they staid during the winter.

That about the 1st of March, following, as near as he can recollect, the regiment removed to Saratoga, where they remained two or three months, where they were marched, via Albany to within about twenty miles of Philadelphia, (the name of the place he does not recollect) where they encamped about four weeks, when they were marched to Monmouth, and were engaged in the Monmouth battle.

That the next day after the battle they started for White Plains, and were then marched to Fort Stanwiche—that they remained at Fort Stanwiche two years, at which place—the term of his enlistment expired.

That about 3 or 4 weeks, previous to the expiration of his first enlistment, he again enlisted to serve during the continuance of the war, in the same company, and in the same regiment.

That on leaving Fort Stanwiche, they were marched to Albany, where they staid during the winter season, and in the early part of Spring, were removed to West Point where they remained two or three months, and were then marched to York Town, where they took part in the battle in which Cornwallis was taken.

That after the battle they were marched to Pompton, near Jersey Plains, where they remained about four months, and were then removed to Snake Hill, where they continued until the close of the war, and he then received an honorable discharge.

That he kept his discharge a number of years, but not thinking it would ever be of any service to him, he suffered it to be destroyed.

That he has no further proof to furnish the War Department of his said services.

That he has never received any pension from government.

That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his government for support.

Sworn to and declared before me this 4th day of May 1818. Anson Camp one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and fore the County of Broome.

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.43304, it appears that Richard Whaling enlisted at Claverack, New York, in December 1776, and served until the close of the Revolution in 1783 as a private in Captains John H. Wendell's and John C. Ten Broeck's Companies in Colonel Goose Van Schaick's New York Regiment. He was in the battles of Monmouth and Yorktown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 4, 1818, at which time he was living in Owego, Broome County, New York, and he stated that he was then sixty years of age.

In 1820 he stated that he was sixty-four years of age and was living in Owego, New York. He also referred to his wife, Elizabeth, aged fifty-four years, his daughter, Mary, aged twenty years, and his son, Morris, aged eleven years.

The above noted is the history of the only Richard Whaling of New York that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.