

Pension Application for Benjamin Whitaker

S.15242

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this seventh day of September in the year 1832, Personally appeared before me John Hallack for one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange Benjamin Whitaker, a resident of the Town of Minisink, County and State aforesaid—aged Eighty one years—who being Duly sworn according to law—doth on his oath depose, and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

Deponent saith that his first service as a private soldier in the Militia in the revolutionary war was at Fort Montgomery under as he thinks the command of Capt. David Swezy and thinks he served three weeks; and his duty at that Tour of Service was, preparing the fortifications and that service he recollects that James Clinton was the General, and it was in the year as Deponent thinks to the best of his recollection 1776.

During the same year Deponents was called at New Windsor under officers which he cannot now recollect their names, but thinks Daniel Everett was Capt. Or Lieutenant, and served there then days or more, to watch the enemy on the Hudson River and then returned home.

And further Deponent saith that he volunteered as a militiaman in the year 1777 in Capt Sawyer's Company and marched to Fort Montgomery and there served two months or more. James Clinton was General & ____Harris was Col.; at this time he was in fatigue, and then returned home.

And further Deponent saith that he was called upon the same year in the service at Tappan, on the Hudson River, as a guard against the enemy, the Company officers cannot recollect, William Allison was the Col, and there served two months.

And further Deponent saith that while belonging to Capt Samuel Coles Company that he Deponent, Volunteered as a private to Defend the frontiers against the Indians and Tories on what was then called the Minisink frontiers, and was there at that battle called the Minisink battle, wounded and with said wound confined about two months as the annexed Certificate of Dr. Jonathan Swezy Will Shaw and further Deponent saith that he was in the aforesaid Indian battle in the year 1779 and on the 22 day of July of the same year.

And further Deponent saith that he was called at different times into service in the Revolutionary War six months at different places which deponent cannot now recollect to state time and places neither his commanding officers as he was sometimes under one officer and sometimes under on other—Some part of said service was rendered in Scouting parties &c—and the last part of his service as set forth is exclusive of the foregoing.

And this Deponent saith and he verily believes that he was in the Revolutionary service as a militia private for the term of one year one month and three days or more.

And Deponent further saith that he never had any written discharge—but that the Common Practice was in the discharge by verbal order and in regard to proof of my character as a person of truth Integrity and veracity and my services I refer to Fright Cooley—Mary Van Tasell and Stepphen [sic] W. Fullerton Esq there being no regular settled Clergyman in this place that has an acquaintance with me for any length of time. Deponent further states he is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Whitaker

Sworn and subscribed before me the 7th day of Sept 1832. John Hallock, Junr.