

Pension Application for William Whitehead

W.20126 (Widow: Ann) Married October 7, 1784. William died January 27, 1830.
Southern District of New York
Orange County SS.

On this first day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court in the court of common pleas, it being a court of record for the said county of Orange by a statute of the State of New York William Whitehead aged fifty eight years, resident in said county of Orange, wo being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war, as follows:--

That he enlisted into Capt. Philip Beviers company Col. Lewis Dubois Regt, New York line for three years in the year seventy six afterwards, enlisted from Capt Beviers Company into the company of Capt Henry Dubois at the end of the first enlistment Col. Philip Courtland Regt during the war served in that company till he was personally discharged at the end of the war at Newburgh is a pensioner under the act of the 18th March 1818 original Declaration dated eighth of April 1818 number of certificate 15.587.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of ;March 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not nore has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following inventory, and by me subscribed, viz: an amount due four dollars & fifty cents one cow and bull worth thirty dollars to heifers ten dollars three hogs ten dollars one saw and fifty five Collars two horses and wroth one hundred & ten dollars two horse wagon ten dollars one plough six dollars eighteen acres of land worth four hundred & twenty dollars one horse wagon fifteen dollars. That I am in debted five hundred and sixty three dollars am a farmer & in ill health wife named Nancy aged 56 years infirm daughter Margaret aged twenty five and unable to get living grand child Rusia Ann aged five years James Henry one year old & one half & William aged three years all of whom live in the family and are supported by this deponent. (Signed with his mark) William Whitehead)

Sworn to and subscribed on this first day of June 1820 before Nathan H. White, Samuel S. Seward & Stephen Esquire Judges in open Court J. W. William Clk.

Letter in folder dated December 1, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information regarding John, Richard and William Warren, who received land grants from the State of New York before 1794, also, the record of William Whitehead who received a similar grant, whose land was bought by a Warren.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found which was made to the United States on account of service of a Richard or William Warren who served from New York, nor has such a claim been identified as that of any particular John Warren of New York. The claim for pension has been found of only one William Whitehead of New York. His record is furnished you herein as shown in the papers on file in that pension claim, W.20126, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. Your citations regarding land grants do not pertain to the records of this office, but, probably to New York State records.

The date and place of birth of William Whitehead, and the names of his parents are not shown, nor is his residence at the time of his enlistment in the Revolutionary War given.

William Whitehead enlisted in November 1776, served three years as drummer in captain Philip Bevier's company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' New York regiment, after which he served as drummer and drum major in Captain Henry Dubois' company, Colonel Philip Van Cortland's 2nd New York Regiment and was discharged when the army was disbanded, in New York State; during this service, he was in the battle at Fort Montgomery, was on General Sullivan's western expedition against the Indians in 1779 and was also at Yorktown in 1781.

William Whitehead was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818, at which time he resided in Newburgh, Orange County, New York. In 1820, he gave his age as fifty-eight years, and stated that his family living with him consisted of his wife, Nancy, "Daughter Margaret, aged twenty five" grandchild Rusia An, aged three years. In 1823, the soldier stated that his family consisted of his wife, "my two youngest sons, two daughter, one of them married" whose husband had left her about four years before with three children, two of whom were living with him, one five years old and the other seven years old.

William White died January 27, 1830 at his home in Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

The soldier married October 7, 1784, in Newburgh, New York, Ann Mitchell, who was born in June 1763, names of her parents not given.

Ann Whitehead the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed August 25, 1838, at which time she resided in Perry, Genesee County, New York.

In 1823, soldier's son, William Whitehead, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth and soldier's younger son, James Whitehead, and his wife, Eliza, were residents of Newburgh, New York.

In 1838, John Whitehead, the soldier's brother, was a resident of Milton, Saratoga County, New York, aged "seventy-eight years and upwards". John Whitehead married September 5, 1784, Margaret Gosman. He was present at his brother's marriage to Ann Mitchell and was well acquainted with her previous to said marriage.