

Pension Application for William White

W.19609 (Widow: Jemima)

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act passed June 7th 1832.

State of new York

Otsego County SS.

On this 11th day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two ;personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the said county of Otsego now sitting at Cooperstown in said county William White a resident of the town of Pittsfield in the County aforesaid aged seventy three years on the eight day of November next who ;being fist 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated.

That on or about the 12th day of April 1777 he enlisted at Adams in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts of which place he was then a resident under Captain Wait Barrett in Col Asa Barnes regiment in the Massachusetts state troops for six months, Immediately after his enlistment he joined the regiment then at Pittsfield in the State of Massachusetts. From Pittsfield he marched with the regiment thorough Greenbush, Albany, Schenectady Fort Hunter &c to Fort Plain upon the Mohawk River after a few days the regiment marched from Fort Plain to Fort Schuyler at which latter place the regiment was stationed till he was till he was discharged which was on or about the 15th of October 1777, through the period of this enlistment he was frequently detached with parties called to guard other places along the frontier, with these parties he went to Schoharry [Schoharie] and CoblesKill but was in no engagement during the time, this season the Indians committed great depredations by burning the houses and driving away the [?] and cattle of the whites, they [?] at Schoharry, Cobleskill and along the Mohawk River, he went three times to guard boats and provisions to Fort Stanwix. He does not recollect the names of the officers in Command at Fort Stanwix according to the best of his recollection it was in the month of August in this year that a party of the enemy marched from Oswego with intention to join General Burgoyne on the Hudson, they pressed as far as the neighborhood of Fort Schuyler and were discovered first by a scouting party from the Fort.

The militia from Albany & Schenectady being been previously apprized of this movement of the enemy had preceded up the Mohawk to meet them and had just arrived at Fort Schuyler as the enemy were discovered by the Scouts. It was supposed that by some means the enemy got intelligence of this reinforcement as they immediately returned to Oswego.

The Albany & Schenectady militia were commanded by an officer of the name of VanRensselaer out of what grade is not now recollected.

On or about the 10th of June 1779, he again enlisted at Adams under his father Capt William White who was a Captain in Col ___Browns Regiment in the

Massachusetts State troops, this enlistment was for three months after he should join the Regiment, on or about the 10th of July 1779, he joined the regiment at Pittsfield and marched for the White Plains, the Regiment proceeded as far as Claverack in the County of Columbia in the State of New York at which place orders were received by Col Brown to turn his [command?] out to go to the relief of the Frontier settlements on the Mohawk. The regiment was accordingly marched to Fort Plain, and then arrived at Fort Plain they learned their assistance was needed at Fort Paris at Stone Arabia a distance of four or five miles from Fort Plain on the opposite side of the river. [This part has so much bleed through, nearly impossible to read. I will do my best.]

Though after their arrival at Fort Plain they marched to stone Arabia and were stationed at Fort Paris according to the best of his recollection it was through the close of September that Col. brown & Major Root who both resided in Pittsfield [????] express to that place upon this private business for them, he was absent upon this errand about ten or twelve days and during his absence the battle of Stone Arabia took place in which Col Brown was killed. He was discharged at Schenectady about the 11th of October to which place he had been detached with his father and others who had charge of the wounded that were sent to the hospital at that place.

In November 1779, General Ethan Allen then in command of Fort Castleton in the State of Vermont understanding that a party of the enemy was coming down the Lake and apprehending his force was not strong enough to resist them in case of an attack sent a request to Col 'Simons of Williamstown to join him with his regiment, on the receipt of this intelligence by Col Simons he asked for volunteers to go with him, this (declarant) volunteered under said Simons and joined the regiment in a company commanded by Lieut Stephen Bates.

He marched with the Regiment from Williamstown on or about the 16th of November and arrived at Castleton in about five days a distance of upwards of ninety miles, when they arrived at Castleton the evening lay at a place called Chimney Point a distance as he understood of some thirty or forty miles from Fort Castleton, he remained with the regiment at Fort Castleton and at a place called Pittsford in the neighborhood of the fort about three weeks, when it was understood that enemy had retreated and Col Simons with the regiment returned to Williamstown. In this service he was employed over a month but cannot now recollect the exact time he was discharged, he arrived at home four or five days before Christmas.

On or about the 6th of ;June 1780 he again enlisted under Captain Well whose Christian name he does not now recollect in Col Clarks Regiment in the Massachusetts state troops for six months, this enlistment was at Adams the place of his then residence. He joined the Regiment immediately after his enlistment at Lanesboro in Massachusetts and marched from thence through Williamstown, Pownel Hoosick and Cambridge to Stillwater upon the Hudson river, the Regiment remained at Stillwater about two weeks and then marched to the old barracks at Saratoga when they were stationed until the ninth of December at which time he was discharged, whilst they were stationed at Saratoga Col Reed with a regiment of Continental troops came up from which place and was stationed at Saratoga at which place the said

regiment remained when he was discharged. He does not recollect of any other Continental troops of officers in the neighborhood during the time he was a Saratoga.

On or about the 4th of May 1781 he again enlisted at Adams under Capt Brown whose Christian name he does not recollect in Col Joseph Smith's Regiment of Massachusetts State troops for six months. Immediately after his enlistment he joined the Regiment at Cheshire in Massachusetts and marched from thence through Adams, Williamstown, Pownal, Hoosick, Pittstown, Troy Albany & Schenectady to Stone Arabia, where he was stationed till into November following. During this service he was employed in Scouting parties and traversed the county through [six lines with bleed through.] was discharged at the [?] There were no Continental Troops in Stone Arabia or about [?] after they were [???] to lodge in the fort.

He never at any time received a written discharge from the service he was each time discharged by parole. He knows of no person now living who can testify to his services other than those whose affidavits are herewith annexed.

He was born in the town of Greenwich in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1759, he as a record of his age in his bible in Pittsfield.

When he was about thirteen years old his father moved to the town of Adams in Massachusetts and he with him where they resided till after the expiration of the Revolutionary War. When he was about thirty two years old he removed to Springfield in the County of Otsego and State of New York, when he resided about ten or twelve years when he removed to Burlington in the same country from thence he removed to Pittsfield in the same county where he still resides.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 27, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19609, it appears that William White was born November 8, 1759, in Greenwich, Massachusetts, and was the son of William.

While a resident of Adams, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he enlisted and served as a private with the Massachusetts troops as follows:

From April 12, 1777, until October 11, 1779, in the company of his father, Captain William White, in Colonel Brown's Regiment.

From November, 1779, served a little over one month in a company commanded by Lieutenant Stephen Bates in Colonel Simonds' Regiment.

From May 4, 1781, six months in Captain Brown's Company in Colonel Joseph Smith's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Pittsfield, Otsego County, New York.

He died February 24, 1840, in Burlington, Otsego County, New York.

The soldier married December 13, 1781, in Adams Massachusetts, Jemima Wright.

She was allowed pension on her application executed February 27, 1844, at which time she was eighty-two years of age and was living in Burlington, New York.

Daniel White was referred to as their eldest son. A daughter, Hannah, married Elijah Button and in 1848 they were living in Burlington, New York, and at that time she was forty-nine years of age and he was fifty-eight years of age. In July, 1848, Elisha Burnham of Cortland County, New York, aged sixty-one years, stated that he had married a daughter of William and Jemima White and that she was then aged fifty-eight years and six months, her name not given.

The Revolutionary War records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to pension having been claimed by Captain William White, the father of the above mentioned soldier.