

Pension Application for George Whitman

W.19619 (Widow: Ruth)

Letter in folder dated January 26, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers in the claims for pension on file under W.19619, based upon the military service of George Whitman in the Revolutionary War.

George Whitman was born May 5, 1760, in Warwick, Providence County, Rhode Island. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing with his father in Scituate, Providence County, Rhode Island, George Whitman enlisted in June 1778, served as private in Captain James Parker's Company, Colonel Archibald Crary's Rhode Island Regiment and was discharged March 16, 1779. While a resident of Stephentown, New York, he served one month as private in Captain Ichabod Turner's New York Company, at the time Schoharie, New York, was burned. He later served two weeks in Captain Ichabod Turner's New York Company.

George Whitman was allowed pension on his application executed September 6, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York.

Soldier was burned to death on November 25, 1838, when his house in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York.

Soldier married September 28, 1786, in Pownal, Vermont, Ruth Bowdish of said Pownal. She was born June 29, 1764, place and names of her parents were not stated.

Soldier's widow, Ruth Whitman, applied for pension April 15, 1839, at which time she was a resident of New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York. The claim was allowed.

She died September 9 or September 20, 1845, in Stephentown, New York.

The following names of the children of George Whitman and his wife, Ruth, are shown:

Asa B. Whitman born May 31, 1787, died in the autumn of 1835.

Jeremiah Whitman born April 2, 1789, died about 1796.

Amy Whitman born August 14, 1791.

John Whitman born September 14, 1793.

George Whitman born September 22, 1795.

Ruth Whitman born January 23, 1798.

Ann Whitman born March 24, 1800.

Joseph P. Whitman born March 24, 1800.

Reuben Whitman born October 25, 1802.

Eunice Whitman born May 12, 1805.

Daniel Whitman born October 17, 1807.

The following children were living in 1846; Amy Huntington, widow of Horace Huntington, living in Sandlake, New York; John Whitman and George Whitman, resident of Stephentown, New York; Ruth Gardner, wife of Solomon Gardner, living in

Illinois; Ann Commings, wife of Richard Commings, living in Sandlake, New York; Rueben Whitman, residing in Lenox, Madison County, New York; Eunice Harrington, wife of Truman Harrington, a resident of Lockport, Niagara County, New York; Daniel Whitman, who had lived in Pennsylvania for many years.

Said Ann Commings died June 18, 1848, and left a family of children, their names and ages are not shown.

In 1832 Benoni Whitman, a brother of soldier, was living in Stephentown, New York, his age not given.

In 1839 one Maria Whitman, witnessed the signature, by mark, of soldier's widow, Ruth Whiteman, in Columbia County, New York, her age or relationship not stated.

Asa Bowdish, a brother of soldier's widow, Ruth, was dead in 1844, his age not given.

In 1848 William L. Gardner, was a resident of Stephentown, New York, no relationship to the family stated. He was sixty-nine years old on May 20, 1848.

In 1847 Alexander Gardner, was Town Clerk of Stephentown, New York, his age or relationship to the family not stated. There are no further family data.