

Pension Application for David Whitney

W.6489 (Widow: Mary) Mary Halsted and David married in 1829. He died November 1837.

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State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this Eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting at the Court House in Kingston in said County, David Whitney of the Town of Nw Paltz in the County of Ulster aforesaid, aged sixty nine years, who being first 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 officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of;May or June 1779 deponent served one month under Captain Pleg Ransom, and Lieutenant Potter, Colonel Cantine's Regiment, in guarding the Indian frontier in the Town of Rochester in the County of Ulster aforesaid. In the month of March following 1780 deponent was out on an alarm for eight days under Captain Ransom.

In the month of April in the same year 1780 deponent served one month under Ensign Josiah Hasbrouk guarding the frontiers as aforesaid. In these years the militia were kept in readiness to march on a moment's warning, when alarms were given, they were also, put in classes, each class having to furnish its man to serve one month at a time. On the twenty fifth day of July 1780 he volunteered to serve his country against the common enemy, in a company of militia of which Moses Cantine was Captain Frear first Lieutenant and Nottingham second Lieutenant we went to Fishkill thence along the east side of the Hudson River to Peekskill at this place we crossed the river and went to Stoney Point, thence to Haverstraw, and Dobbs Ferry, when we returned and went by water to Albany, then by land to Schenectady, thence to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River thence to the German Flats, and thence to fort Stanwix, from which place we returned to German flats, and then to Fort Plain where on the expiration of my term of service I was honorably discharged, having served at this time three months Colonel Malcolm and Major Van Benschoten commanded our Regiment, Colonel Dubois with his Regiment was with us part of the time.

I also recollect of seeing Major Wilsey Captain McKinstry and Captain Pierce.

About the first of April 1781 I volunteered to serve nine months, in a company commanded by Captain John L. Hardenbergh. Theodosius Van Wyck was first Lieutenant and ___Johnson second Lieutenant, Colonel Frederick Weisenvelt commanded the Regiment, under General Cantine, we were employed in guarding the Indian Frontier in the Town of Rochester in the County of ulster aforesaid, and its vicinity, we were honorably discharged, the next winter at the expiration of our term of nine months at the house of Benjamin Hornbeck in the said town of Rochester, who

kept a tavern at the sign of the White horse—at this time Anthony Yelverton and William Silkworth, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed served with me in the company. Deponent does not know of any person by whom he can prove his months service.

Deponent further says in answer to the questions put to him by the said Court in the said County off Ulster. He was born at East Haven in the State of Connecticut on the twenty second day of November 1762. He has no record of his age.

When called into service he lived in the town of New Paltz aforesaid, and has resided therein ever since the revolutionary war except eight years, during which he resided at Geneva, Ontario County in the State of New York.

He now resides in the said town of New Paltz when called into service, he volunteered, being always able to take his term in his class. Deponent does not recollect the names of any other regular officers or regiment, than as above stated by him, now any other general circumstances of his service state such as is above set forth in this declaration. Deponent never received a written discharge, except at the expiration of his nine months service he received a writ[?] Lieutenant VanWyck which has long since been lost, the contents of it he cannot remember.

Deponent is well known to David Wolley Esqr, one of the Justices of the peace of said town of New Paltz, and Josiah Dubois of the same town, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Deponent does not know of any Clergyman that he is sufficiently acquainted with to certify for him.

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) David Whitney

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid A. D. Soper First Judge &c.
Abm G. Hardenburgh, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo