

Pension Application for John Williamson

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State of New York

Suffolk County SS

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me, John S. Mount one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, John Williamson a resident of Brookhaven in said County and State, aged eighty 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.

That he enlisted in the year 1775 at the town of Southold county and state aforesaid into the company of state troops commanded by Capt Daniel Griffin in the third regiment commanded by Capt Daniel Griffin in the third regiment commanded by Colonel James Clinton to serve for five months or during the campaign.

That after the company was full and mustered he marched with it Oyster pond point in said county, and there embarked on board a vessel and went through Long Island Sound to the City of New York—from thence the company was ordered to proceed to Albany by water on the passage up information was received that a number of deserters were at Haverstraw—A detachment of which he was one was sent to apprehend them. They succeeded.

That when they got to Albany the company encamped and a detachment from it of which he was one, commanded by Serjeant George Chase was ordered to proceed on to the north with said deserters and others belonging to the same army, apprehended at Albany—

That said detachment proceeded to Fort George with the prisoners, expecting to be relieved of the charge at that place, but was obliged to proceed to Ticonderoga where they prisoners were delivered up to Genl Schuyler.

That the detachment at this time was out of provisions and was not permitted to draw from the public store unless the individuals composing it would consent to join and be transferred to the troops then raising to recruit the army at the north and in Canada.

That the detachment was unwilling to comply until their private resources were exhausted. They then all joined the company commanded by Capt Daniel Denton and Lieutenant Mernrah and Billings and consequently never again joined the company into which they first enlisted.—

That he with the company under Capt Denton were then embarked on board of boats and proceeded up the Lake to St. Johns and joined the besieging army. That he was at the taking of that Fort. That he was one of the party which in the meantime attacked and took Fort Chamblee. That he with the company were then ordered and marched to Lapararie where information being received that the British troops on board of vessels were leaving Montreal for Quebec they were immediately marched to

the river Sorelle and employed in constructing a battery to prevent their passage. That they succeeded in capturing eleven sail of the enemy and took them back to Montreal.

That he remained at Montreal with other American troops during the winter of 1776 excepting when ordered out upon excursions. That he returned with the company to Albany toward the latter part of March or the first of April in 1776, having he is confident served in the whole nine months or more—but not being able to state the precise time of his enlistment or the day of his discharge he cannot say how much more.

That when at Albany he received a written discharge from Capt Denton but which accidentally has been lost.

That he knw General Montgomery Worcester and Arnold and Col Wyncook and Clinton.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession relating to his claim.

That he has resided in the town of Southampton in said County of Suffolk until the year 1826 since which he has resided in said town of Brookhaven.

That he was born in the town of Southold in said county on the 21st day of July 1752. That the record of his age I sin the hands of his brother's family at Southold. That Zechariah Greene minister of the parish and John R. Satterly both residing in his neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief that he was a soldier in that revolution.

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) John Williamson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John S. Mount