

Pension Application for Anthony Maxwell

W.21762 (Widow: Eve) Married December 17, 179[1?]. Anthony died May 24, 1825.

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State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

Anthony Maxwell of the City of Hudson in the County & State aforesaid being duly sworn deposes and saith that in the spring of the year 1777 he received the commission of Ensign in one of the Sixteen additional Regiments, raised by Congress in 1777, for the Continental Service in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Malcolm in Captain John Landfords Company, the Regiment was raised in the State of New York

After the Regiment was organized and during the summer or fall of 1777 (in the fall this deponent believes) the regiment marched to join the army of General Washington at Valley Forge.

The winter of 1777-8 was passed at Valley Forge in winter quarters—In the spring of 1778 the regiment to which this deponent was attached took the field with the American army and was engaged in the battle of Monmouth under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Burr – (Colonel Malcolm being absent). Soon after the battle of Monmouth the regiment to which this Deponent belonged was ordered to West Point and remained there till fall and then marched to Haverstraw where it wintered.

In the spring of 1779, the Regiment was marched to Minnisink [Minisink] in New Jersey [New York] where Colonel Malcolm's Regiment was consolidated with Colonel Oliver Spencer's; which last was a Jersey regiment—Col. Malcolm then left the Regiment to which this deponent belonged which was afterwards commanded by the above mentioned Col. Spencer—That by after this consolidation took place this Deponent received the commission, which is herewith produced.

This Regiment was now attached to General William Maxwell's Brigade, and was one of the regiments engaged in the Western expedition against the Indians under General Sullivan—after returning from general Sullivan's expedition, it wintered at Morristown in New Jersey and was in the ensuing year 1780 engaged in the battle of Springfield—afterwards a company was picked out of each regiment to form a detachment to the [one] commanded by Marquis de la Fayette and this deponent served as first Lieutenant in the Company taken from Spencer's Regiment.

The Regiment which he was now attached to was commanded by Colonel Ogden—after serving under the Marquis de la Fayette, this deponent rejoined his old regiment commanded by Col. Spencer, and served under him until the five New York Regiments were consolidated into two commanded by Colonels VanSchaack & Cortland when this deponent and many of the officers were discharged—

This took place this deponent believes in the winter of 1780-81, but of this he is not positive.

This deponent further says that from the time he received his first commission of Ensign in the Spring of 1777 to the time he was finally discharged as above mentioned, he was constantly engaged in active service and did duty as a faithful soldier on the Continental establishment.

This Deponent further says the commission annexed to this affidavit is the same he received from Congress and is authentic in all respect, and that he is the same Anthony Maxwell mentioned & named in said Commission.

This other commission is lost or mislaid. This deponent has a large family to support and is in very indigent circumstances and stands in great need of the assistance of his country for support and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Anthony Maxwell

Sworn before me this second day of April 1818 Heseekiah Dayton, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County