

Pension Application for Oliver Noble

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State of New York
Monroe County SS.

On this fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Monroe now sitting Oliver Noble a resident of the Town of Gates in the County of Monroe and State of New York aged Seventy 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 7, 1832.

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

He first enlisted at the Town of Sheffield in the State of Massachusetts he thinks in the month of June in the year 1780 together with about Twenty other persons from the same town. That shortly after this deponent with the others went to Fishkill in the State of New York where we were put under the command of Continental Officers & drilled for about three weeks, during which time we remained at the barracks.

He recollects the name of some of the officers there but Adjutant English & Sergeant Penny which last was the drilling officer. This deponent was soon after ordered to West Point where he joined the Regiment in which he was mustered—this Regiment was the Twelfth Massachusetts Regiment (Nixon's Brigade) commanded by Col. Spout—the company in which this deponent was mustered was commanded by Capt John Williams and he thinks the Lieutenants name was Mason, Capt Sewall, Capt Abraham Williams, Capt Mains, Capt Remick & Capt Hitchcock were Captains in the same Regiment.

The Regiment soon after crossed the North River & this deponent went with them to a place called Robinsons' farm & soon after marched down the river & recrossed at Kings Ferry at Haverstraw Bay—afterwards marched to Orange Town where the Regiment encamped for something like three or four weeks. Afterwards removed and encamped at Steenrappie in New Jersey.

The Regiment in which this deponent was performed many marches and encamped at several different places during the summer the names of which he cannot recollect, but principally of and wholly in the State of New Jersey until it finally encamped at [Sotoway?] near the Papair Falls where it remained of nearly or about six weeks from which place they went into winter quarters where this deponent was discharged the last of December or early in January & went home – having been engaged in the service for six months.

This deponent was enlisted at Sheffield in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1781 about the month of August for three months under Capt Jeremiah Heacock—and soon after went to Saratoga in the State of New York where the Regiment in which this deponent was mustered collected. The regiment was commanded by Col Rowley—a Mr. Tracy acted as adjutant who was Ensign of the

deponent's company. Gen Rossiter commanded the Brigade—and Caleb Noble was Lieutenant of this Deponent's Company—the Regiment to which this deponent belonged was stationed at Saratoga during the whole period of his enlistment—when the three months of service expired, the whole Regiment was dismissed at one time and this deponent went home without receive any other discharge.

Deponent has no discharge at present having lost it, and he has no documentary evidence of any kind to prove his services. He knows of no person now living who can prove his services, but it is probable that some living witnesses may now remain at Sheffield in Massachusetts or near there but the distance to that place is about three hundred miles.

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.

To the questions propounded by the war department this deponent answers.

1st That he was born at Sheffield in Massachusetts on the 29th day of September 1762.

2^d This deponent has no record of his age but there is a record of it in the Town Clerks Office in Sheffield.

3^d he lived at Sheffield when called into the Service & resided there until 1812, he removed to Bloomfield Ontario County New York from there to [Simco?] then to Windsor—that to Brighton;--then to Gates in the same State where he now resides.

4th He came into the service by enlistment.

5th His foregoing declaration contains the statement of officers he knew.

6th He received a discharge from his first Enlistment but he cannot recollect from whom, which discharge he has lost.

7th There is no clergyman [who] lives near this deponent but he is known to Frederick Whittey and Ephraim Moon of the Village or Rochester in the same town who can testify to his character for veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Oliver Noble

Sworn to & subscribed the 5th day of Oct 1832 aforesaid – J. Cuthler Dep Clerk.