

Pension Application for Benjamin White

S.15249

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of Connecticut

County of Windham SS

On this 5th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of the County of Windham aforesaid, now sitting Benjamin White a resident of the town of Brooklyn in the County of Windham, and State of Connecticut, aged 69 years, who being 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:

In the month of August in the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States for the period of twenty days as a substitute for George Baker, at the time he entered the said service he lived in Cranston in the State of Rhode Island and joined a company at Warwick in s'd State under the command of Capt Thomas Rice & Lieut Carens in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Holden and went from said Warwick to Providence, where we staid one night and went from thense [thence] to [Tiverton?] where we crossed the Ferry on to Rhode Island, and was stationed a part of the time on the North end of said Island.

The corps to which he belonged was a part of Genl Sullivans expedition. He was in the Battle fought on s'd Island when Genl. Sullivan was defeated. The night after which Battle we retreated from off the Island, and he was dismissed at said Tiverton, at the time of said twenty days.

In the year 1780, early in said year he entered the service of the United States for a term of duty of eleven months as a substitute for Samuel Hamilton, in the company commanded by Capt John Stockwell Lieut Boggs & Ensign Niles—in the New York State Troops and joined said company at Skeensborough in s'd State, and went from thence up the Lake to St. Johns and was there stationed about one month, and then returned back to s'd Skeenesborough when we were stationed during the remainder of said Term of eleven months, and was more dismissed on the first day of January 1781, during the time of this last mentioned service was performed Genl Arnold left West Point and joined the British.

He has no documentary evidence and does not know of any person living by whom said service can be proved.

He hereby relinquishes very 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.

The following interrogatories were by said Court propounded to said applicant, viz:--

1. Where and in what year were you born? He was born in Scituate in Rhode Island in 1763.

2. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it? He has no record of his age.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? When first called into service I lived in Cranston in (R.I.) the 2d time I was called into same as I lived in New Lebanon in New York. Since the revolutionary war. I have lived in the State of New York & State of Rhode Island and in the towns of Canterbury af'sd [?] in Connecticut same.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom? I have stated above how I was called into service.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. I cannot state any more than I have stated above.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it? I never received a written discharge.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief in your services as a soldier of the revolution Rev. Samuel J. May and Adam White. (signed) Benjamin White.

Sworn to and subscribed, on the day and year aforesaid, before the County Court for the County of Windham in the State of Connecticut. Attest Armin Bolles, Clerk.