

Pension Application for Arnold Westcott or Wescott

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

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State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS

On this Third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting, Arnold Wescott a resident of Berlin, county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged Seventy Eight 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.

That in the year 1776 he resided in the Town of Coventry in the State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] that in the summer of that year he entered the service as a drafted militia man under Captain Colvin or Captain Wesver which he does not exactly recollect (as he served under both of then captains) in Colonel Watermans Regiment. Elvin Wait was the Major, that he continued to serve from that time alternately his properties of the time till the British left Rhode Island in the year 1779 in the fall. That he served a part of the time under Captain Whitman and other officers in the same regiment first mentioned.

That the usual term of his service was a month at a time and he served about each alternate month.

That at one time he was on Newport as a substitute for his brother Stephen Westcott one month. He thinks this was the same year of his service in 1777. That he is not able to say precisely how long he was engaged in actual service in the said State of Rhodeisland but avers that it was as much as one year and a half and he thinks more.

That he was principally engaged in garding [guarding] the shore—that he was in General Spencers expedition against Rhodeisland which failed.

That in the Winter of the year 1780 he removed what is not the Town of Berlin in the State of New York when he was again called into the militia in a company commanded by Samuel Shaw who was first a Lieutenant and afterwards a Captain in the militia and under this officer served in various expeditions against Torys &c., but how long he does not recollect but should think in all he was engaged in this latter service up to the close of the war about six months—

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except what is here.

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That he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can certify to his services except what is hereunto annexed—

To the prescribed interrogatories put by the Court he answers—

1. He was born in the said Town of Coventry in the year 1754.
2. He has no record of his age.
3. He lived as above stated when he entered the service and has lived since 1780 as above stated in the town of Berlin State of New York.
4. &
5. For answer to this interrogatories he refers to the above statement.
6. He never received a written discharge.
7. He is known in his present neighbourhood to John Verve and Burton Hammond who can certify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The answer to the fifth Interrogatory returned, the applicant makes the following affidavit.

Rensselaer County SS. Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace Arnold Westcott the above applicant who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned before and in the following grades.

For two years I served as a private—and for such service I claim a pension.
(Signed with his mark) Arnold Westcott

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 25th day of May 1833. Joseph Crandal
Justice of the Peace.

And the said Arnold Westcott hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Arnold Westcott

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk