

Pension Application for Samuel Whaley

R.11366 (Widow: Olive) Married June 17, 1778. Samuel died March 27, 1813.

State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Oneida in open court Olive Whaley a resident of the town of Verona in said County of Oneida and State of New York aged seventy seven years on the first day of December last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Samuel Whaley who was as she has always understood and believed a non commissioned officer in the Revolutionary war that he held the post of a Sergeant in the New York forces so called that he enlisted into said forces some time in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five and went to Ticonderoga and Crown Point and remained at said places until some time in the month of November in the year last aforesaid when he returned home at his residence in New London in the County of New London & State of Connecticut where his parents then resided.

And she further declares that she has always understood and believed that sometime in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six the said Samuel Whaley went into the army in the service of the United States under General Parsons but the other officers she cannot now state from recollection (nor is she sure that the said Parsons was General he might have been a Colonal [Colonel]) and went to Lon Island and was in the army of the United States at the time of the retreat from Long Island in New York.

That he was sick in the Hospital at White Plains so called in the fall of the year last aforesaid and there remained until some time in the month of November of the same year when he returned home and remained under the care of a physician until the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven. But the time more particularly or the county through which he traveled or the battles [battles] that he was in she cannot now state from recollection.

And she further declares that she has always understood and believed that the said Samuel Whaley was in the army of the United States in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and was a minute or volunteer (which she does not now recollect) under Colonel Jonathan Lattaman and Lieutenant Cobb (but the names of the other officers she cannot state from recollection) to the battle at Saratoga that he was at that time a Sergeant that he did not return home at his residence in New London in the county and state aforesaid until some time in the autumn of the year last before said—but the time when or the places through which he traveled or the battles that he was in she cannot state more particularly from recollection.

And she further declares that the said Samuel Whaley was in the Revolutionary War in the service of the United States in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy

eight as a minute man so called under the the command of Captain Seth Holmes, Lieutenant Joshua Raymond and Ensign David Hillhouse officers of the muster roll and was called out as such minute man but where he went to at that time or at what time he returned home she cannot now state from recollection but that he was sick when he returned home she well recollects and did not go into the army again that year.

And she further declares that she said Samuel Whaley was in the Army of the Revolution in the service of the United States as a private man so called in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine that the news came to New London that the regulars were landing at Mill Stone point that at that time the said Samuel Whaley had been gone from his residence in the town of New London and state of Connecticut to the garrison in said town (a distance of about eight miles) several days but as to the engagement or the precise time when he returned home she cannot now state from recollection.

That the said Samuel Whaley was called out as such minute man as aforesaid frequently during the year last aforesaid but to what places he went or what battles he was in or through what county he passed more particularly she cannot now state from recollection.

And she further declares that the said Samuel Whaley was in the service of the United States as a minute man as aforesaid at the time that New London in the state of Connecticut was burnt that after the engagement was over at the burning of New London he attended his brother one Jonathan Whaley was wounded in that engagement and who afterwards drew a pension from the United States or the State of Connecticut and which she does not now recollect but that the said Samuel Whaley did return home with his said brother that was wounded in that engagement as aforesaid she does well recollect and that the said Samuel Whaley told her that he had attended on his said brother all of the night previous she doth well recollect.

And she further declares that according to the best of her recollection and belief the said Samuel Whaley served in the army of the Revolution in the service of the United States as a minute man so called as aforesaid under Captain Seth Holmes, Lieutenant Joshua Raymond and Ensign David Hillhouse and their successors (what names named she does not now recollect) as officers of the muster roll from the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven until the close of the Revolutionary war.

And she further declares that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one she well recollects that one day early in the morning her husband came into the house in a great hurry went to his gun and took it down snaped [snapped] it to see if it was in order put on his accoutrements cartridge box belt &c, that she asked him what he was a going to do with his gun, that his answer was I am going to New London have you not heard the alarm guns, I answered that I had not, that I supposed they were using guns at the forts. That in a few minutes he left the house prepared for battle.

Just before evening he sent word that he should not be at home that night. His brother was wounded and he must stay with him and help bring him home.

And she further declares that the reason why she has not before now applied for a pension is that she did not know of the act of Congress passed the fourth of July eighteen hundred & thirty six until the first of March last or about that time.

And she further declares that she does not know of or possess any documentary evidence that she can obtain that would be of service to her in support of her claim.

And she further declares that she as married to the said Samuel Whaley on the seventeenth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight—

That she has not in her possession or knowledge any evidence of the marriage except parole evidence.

That Betty Mattison is a material witness for him to prove the marriage of her the said Olive to him the said Samuel Whaley who was present at the time and personally knowing to the marriage that she might have proved the same by one Hezakah Mattison has she known of the aforesaid act of Congress before his death, that said Mattison was a pensioner and died on the first day of February Eighteen hundred and thirty eight. That she might have proved the services of her husband the aforesaid Samuel Whaley in the Revolutionary war by said Hezakah Mattison and one Peltise Tuttle who were personally knowing to the services of his [her] husband the aforesaid Samuel Whaley in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid—but that the said Peltise Tuttle died about a year ago and the said Hezekiah Mattison died at the time above mentioned and before she had heard of the act of Congress passed at the time last aforesaid.

And she further declares that the said Batty Mattison is the best evidence that she now knows of to prove the services of the said Samuel Whaley at the time of his services as aforesaid—that said Betty is a sister of her husband the aforesaid Samuel Whaley.

And she further declares that her name before she was married to her husband the aforesaid Samuel Whaley was Olive Darrow. That she is the daughter of Major Cristopher Darrow who was a continental officer in the Revolutionary war.

And she further declares that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Whaley died on the twenty seventh day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and thirteen and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Olive Whaley

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year first above written before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Oneida. James Dean, Clerk