

Pension Application for Thomas Whitehead

S.15246

State of New York

Jefferson County SS

Ofn this 26 day of May 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, inand for said County, now sitting, Thomas Whitehead a resident of Burford Upper Canada 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.

In the year 1778 sometime in the summer this deponent cannot say at this time what month that here was an alarm given in Saratoga where this deponent then lived and that this deponent volunteered as private in the Company commanded by Philip Rogers Colo Palmer's Regt and removed to Saratoga Springs and scouted in that vicinity and was out one week and was dismissed.

In August 1779 at Saratoga N.Y. entered on a Draft (as one of eight) in the company commanded by Philip Rogers Colonel Palmer's Regiment New York Militia marched to Palmertown remained there one month & was engaged during that time in building a block house and at the expiration of said one month for which I was drafted was dismissed and returned home.

Then in 1780 I did three weeks service under Cat Woodworth in Colo Palmer's Regiment as Private at Saratoga, General Schuyler's place this was on account of an Indian and Tory alarm.

In April 1781 I volunteered at Saratoga a private in Capt James Gray's Company Major John McKinster commandant of all the new levies at the north for nine months. Marched immediately and was quartered at Saratoga Barracks. No military Post north of us. When we arrived at the Barracks Colo. Gannets Regt. That in 77 so loosely bravely defended Fort Stanwix against St. Leger from Canada was quartered thee but soon marched off to the South.

I generally volunteered under an Ensign or Captain's command to serve the Northern lines. Skeenesborough—Fort Ann—Fort Edward, Fort George, Ticonderoga—Jessups Patent & Sacondaga. Nothing but the names of these places were left in 1781—This declarlant further testifies that on the 17th day of August while in the service aforesaid on a scare under the command of Sergeant Dickerson (a command of 12 men) while near Fort Edward that he received a Gen Shot wound accidentally in his left shoulder.

That in consequence he came very near losing his life. That he was taken to the barracks and placed under the care of Doct Delaro and above eight weeks after so far removed as to be removed home where through the mercy of that God who "giveth and taketh away". I slowly recovered but labored under much suffering and general debility for two years or more. The company of which I was a member when wounded

performed the full nine months service for which they had engaged and ever dismissed.

I claim to have performed $\frac{1}{4}$ month in 1778.

I claim to have performed 1 month in 1779.

I claim to have performed $\frac{3}{4}$ month in 1780.

I claim to have performed 9 month in 1781.

11 months in all.

This last term of nine months was not fully served out by reason of my wound but I was never dismissed from the company till the company returned. I have therefore served not less than eleven months—a part of the services were known to William Griffiths when affidavit is [subscribed?]

I know of no other witness living excepting a brother who will testify that he knew generally of my service but I suppose cannot particularly describe them.

His affidavit will be forewarded if necessary.

I was born in the Colony of New York Dutchess County Township now called Beekman on the 11th of December 1763, Record of age and baptism on the parish books of the Neville Graham Hopewell on the Fishkill. Resided at Saratoga from the commencement of 1777 untill 1782 moved to Huntington Long Island N.Y. and there lived from the peace of 83 to 1788 sailed from New York a Methodist Missionary after some years returned to New York and after several years religious services proceeded to Upper Canada where I still reside a Methodist Missionary on in the Town of Burford—a part of the services I performed was done in the capacity of Corporal—but not being able to prove them I claim for services as a private only.

My services were performed both on drafts & as volunteer. There was no Regt but Gansvoorts one at the time have disbanded. I had no discharge but a furlough in wrting from Doctor Delano when I was able to have the Barracks—I refer to my neighbors Levi Lawrence, George Washington Whitehead Esq Marcus F. Forgett Barrister at Law & any respectable citizen of Burford to testify to my character for veracity or their belief of my services as a Rev. soldier.

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. (Signed) Thomas Whitehead.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk