

Pension Application for Ezra Whitmarsh

W.18393 (Widow: Zipporah) Married April 21, 1783. Ezra died February 8, 1835.

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State of New York

Chenango County SS

On this thirteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Hon Robert Monell Vice Chancellor of the Sixth Circuit of the State of New York at a court of Chancery held at the residence of the said Vice Chancellor in the town of Green in the County of Chenango & State of New York now sitting Ezra Whitmarsh a resident of the town of Green aforesaid aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn accord[ing] to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

That at Livingstons Manor then Albany County but now Columbia County State of New York on the first of November 1776, he enlisted for six months in a company of Rangers commanded by Lieutenant Jacob Powers of Livingston's Manor aforesaid and was employed principally to watch the Tories & engaged in Scouting parties & was discharged as Poughkeepsie at the close of the six months—said company was not attached to any Regiment.

In the Spring of 1778 at Livingstons Manor aforesaid he again enlisted for one month in a company of Militia commanded by Capt Tenbrooks was ordered to West Point & then engaged during the whole month to work on the Fort and then discharged verbally.

Again immediately after my discharge in the summer of 1778 at Dutchess County in the State of New York. I enlisted in a company of Militia commanded by Capt Abraham Hartwell in Col. Hopkins Regiment for one month and went again to West Point & was engaged the whole month to work upon the fort and was again verbally discharged.

Soon after my last mentioned discharge in the summer of 1778. I enlisted for one month in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Pulver and went to the Mohawk to guard against the Indians was stationed at Fort Herkimer and Fort Plain & discharged verbally at the close of the month.

In the spring of 1780. I again enlisted for three months in a company of Militia at Livingstons Manor aforesaid under the command of Captain Miller in Col. Henry Livingstons Regiment & Genl Malcombs Brigade we marched to West Point, stoney Point, Harvestraw, Dobbs Ferry thence to Albany by Water where the Regiment was divided and a part went to Schoharie & a part to Fort Edward I was with that part that went to Fort Edward where we remained during the three months & then I was discharged & returned home. I received a written discharge.

I was actually in feeble health during the Revolutionary War which was the cause of my not having served a longer time in the army.

I am now in verry poor health & scarcely able to leave my house owing to a bodily infirmity with which I have been afflicted for many years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever except the present to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Ezra Whitmarsh

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Rob Monell, Vice Chancellor

Question 1. Where and in what year was you born? I ws born at Oblong Dutchess County State of New York in the year 1760.

Question 2d Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? I have a record of my age at my Brother's house in Green aforesaid.

Question 3d Where were you living when called into service where have you lived (since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? At Livingstons Manor State of New York—Since the war & have lived at Quemens [Coeyman's] in Albany County & from thence I removed to Green where I now reside.

Question 4th How were you called into service—were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? I enlisted each time.

Question 5 state the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiment as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service. General Glover, Col. Malcomb, Col. IHenry Livingston, Captain Williams—I do not re whitmanjohnr.pdfthe names of any militia or Continental regiments. The circumstances of my service are stated in my above declaration.

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and wheat has become of it? I received a written discharge frolm Captain Williams but have lost it.

Question 7 State the names of some of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as toyour character for veracity and their belief of you services as a soldier of the revolution.

Hon robert Morell Hon Joseph Juliano, William Hatch, Charles E. Barnado, Docotr Levi Fare Alva Hunt, Elijah Rathbone, Charles Squins, Adam G. Ransom, Charles Cameron.

Letter in folder dated June 21, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Ezra Whitmarsh, a Revolutionary War soldier who was pensioned while living in Chenango County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.18393, based on the military service of Ezra Whitmarsh.

He was born in 1760 at Oblong, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While living in Livingston Manor which was then in Albany County but later in Columbia County, New York, Ezra Whitmarsh enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from November 1, 1776, six months in a company of rangers commanded by Lieutenant Jacob Bowers; in the spring of 1778, served one month under Captain Tenbrooks; in the summer of 1778, served one month in Captain Abraham Tenbrooks; in the summer of 1778, served one month in Captain Abraham Hartwell's company in Colonel Hopkins' regiment; in the summer of 1778, served one month in Captain Pulver's company and was stationed at Fort Herkimer and Fort Plain; in the spring of 1780, served three months in Captain Miller's company in Colonel Henry Livingston's regiment

After the close of the Revolutionary War, Ezra Whitmarsh lived at "Quemans Patent" in Albany County, New York, and from there he moved to Greene, Cheango County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 13, 1832, at which time he was living in Green, New York.

Ezra Whitmarsh died February 8, 1835, at Green, New York.

Ezra Whitmarsh married April 21, 1783, at Livingston Manor, New York, Zipporah Edmonds.

She was allowed pension on her application executed September 18, 1844, at which time she was living in Greene, New York, aged eighty years. She was living in Greene in 1855.

In 1844, Desire Driscoll of Greene, New York, aged fifty-six years, stated that she was the daughter of Ezra and Zipporah Whitmarsh. In 1844, Mulberry Whitmarsh of Green, New York, aged fifty four years, stated he was the third child of Ezra and Zipporah Whitmarsh. In 1844, Roxana Webb of Greene, New York, aged fifty-one years, stated she was the fourth child of Ezra and Zipporah Whitmarsh. It was stated that Ezra and Zipporah Whitmarsh had a large family but the only names given are those notes above.

Zachariah Whitmarsh, brother of the soldier, Ezra Whitmarsh, was living in Greene, New York, in 1832 aged sixty-seven years.