

Pension Application for Abraham Witbeck

R.11509

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS

On the fifth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the troy Yaors Court now sitting, Abraham Witbeck a resident of the Town of Greenbush in the county of Rensselaer and state of New York aged 22 Dec next Eighty five 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 Sates, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1776 he was enrolled as a militia private in Captain James [Silas's?] company in Col Killian Van Rensselaer's Regt in the County fob Rensselaer (then Albany County) and that he was ordered to march with the Regt to Lake George and remained on duty there from 14 to 16 days, when he was discharged and returned home—

In the year 1777 he was again ordered out with the Regt and marched to the northward, on the approach of Burgoyne and his army from Canada, and after being out on duty for sometime, but how long he cannot now recollect, he with a portion of the militia, not deemed to be longer than necessary were permitted to return home—

Sometime after which he was again ordered out, and having marched as far as McNiels ferry; he received an injury occasioned by a fall, which disabled him; in a considerable degree to do duty, and he was permitted to return home.

In 1778 he was again ordered out and performed military duty, and marched to various places of whom he remembers Schoharie, Fort Hunter, and Caughnawaga but for what length of time on each occasion, this declarant cannot after the great lapse of intervening time, now [not] recollect; but he is confident and doth declare that he has performed service as a soldier in the court of the revolutionary war for a period of not less than twenty one months.

He is having been one of a class of six, who at their joint expense lived on able [???] to serve for nine months.

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 with his mark) Abraham Witbeck

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