

**Pension Application for Austin Woolley or Wolley**

R.11851 (Margaret) Married January or February 1780. Austin died June 13, 1833.  
State of New York  
Cayuga County SS

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Cayuga and state of New-York, now setting, Austin Wolley a resident of Owasco in the County of Cayuga and State of New-York, aged 72 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<sup>th</sup> 1832:--

That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That about the first of April AD 1665 at the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Valentine E. Wheeler, Lieutenant Luke Wolcott, and William Wolcott ensign in Col. Benjamin Burcham's Regiment of Militia that he marched with said company to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River where he was stationed a term of five months, that he was engaged during said time in building and repairing the fortifications

He further declares at said fort and in scouting through the surrounding Country, that he was at that place when the British troops entered New York, that at the expiration of said term of five months he was discharged & returned home.

He further declares that about the first of May AD 1777 at the town of Beekman aforesaid he again entered said service as a volunteer in the same company and Regiment and under the same officers, that he marched with said company to Fort Montgomery aforesaid where he was stationed a term of four months when he was taken sick and was discharged and suffered to go home on furlough & that he did not return again to said service during that year.

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1778 he again entered said service as a volunteer at the town aforesaid in the Company of militia commanded by Captain Israel Veal, Lieutenant Samuel Curtis, and Isaac Veal Ensign in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Benjamin Burcham aforesaid that he marched with said company to West Point where he was stationed a term of six months when he was discharged and returned home.

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1779 he was detached from the company of Captain Valentine Wheeler aforesaid and entered said service in the company of Captain Israel Veal aforesaid in Col Benjamin Burcham's Regiment, that he marched with said company to West Point where he was stationed four months and twenty days when he was discharged upon furlough in consequence of a lameness of his foot and ankle. [ankle]

He further declares that from the year 1779 to the year 1783 he was frequently called into said service in cases of alarm, that he is unable to state the number of times or the length of each time, but from his best recollection he thinks that said

services were not less than three months—That whilst in said service he saw and knew the following named officers. L Gen Knox, Gen Washington, Gen LaFayette, Gen Arnold & others.

That he never received a regular written discharge from said services, that he has not the proof of any living witness to said services and has not been able to procure any.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed)  
Austin Woolley

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Asahel Fitch, Judge.