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Westcott, Thomas

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Rhode Island

Thomas Brewster

Married in the State of R. Island
who was a Private Soldier in the Company commanded
by Captain Hancock of the Regt commanded
by Col Draturman in the R. Militia
for one year & months

Inscribed on the Roll of Rhode Island
at the rate of 53 Dollars 29 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 21 day of May
1833 and June 11th 1832
to Greenfield R.I.

Amount to the 1st of Mar 1833	\$ 166.58
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 th Sep 33	41.64
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	\$ 208.22

{ Revolutionary Claim,
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Geo B Whiting Clerk,
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I John Waterman of Warwick in the county of Kent
aged seventy two years testify & say ^{as out} that I have been
acquainted with Thomas Walcott of said Warwick, from
previous to the revolutionary war to this time. And that
in said War he the said Walcott belonged to a company called
the Pawtucket Rangers and said company was in service in the
expedition under Genl Sullivan on Rhode Island in 1778 and
said Walcott served therein to the end of my recollection two months
and afterwards in the fall of 1780 said Walcott served to my
knowledge in said company of Pawtucket Rangers on said Rhode Island
for one month and this deponent served therein at the same time,
John Waterman

I Rhodes Budlong of Warwick in the county of Kent aged seventy
two years or more testify and say. That I have been acquainted
with Thomas Walcott of said Warwick from some time previous
to the revolutionary war to this time and that in June 1781
I served one month in the company called the Pawtucket
Rangers on Rhode Island, and that said Walcott served therein
for said time. I also well remember that said Walcott served
in the year 1776 in the militia of Warwick under the orders
of Capt. W. Russell one month or more, Rhodes Budlong

7.
New York Court of Common Pleas August Term 1832
Given to by John Waterman & Rhodes Budlong in open
Court the seventh day of the Term & that they are men of
Truth & veracity. Witness John Brown. Clk

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Thomas Wetteste
Warwick R.I.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named subject. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the examination. I have no objection to your making such further application as you may think proper to make to the Board of Examiners, and I will be glad to see you at any time.

Very respectfully,
 Wm. A. Smith, M.D.
 Secretary

State of Rhode Island Meriden Plantations
County of Kent

On this county, midday of August 1832 Personally
appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of
Common Pleas, now sitting Thomas Watcott a resident
of Warwick in said county of Kent aged seventy four 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 main of the United States
under the following named officers and served as herein stated -

That he was born on the twenty first day of July 1758 in
said Warwick, & that he knows of no other record of his age than
one made by himself in his family Bible.

That when called into the main of the United States as herein
after stated, he lived in said Warwick and has lived therein
ever since,

That in the years 1775 & 6 when Capt. Wallan of the British navy
was making private claims in the waters of Narragansett bay
the applicant belonged to a company of militia under the orders
of Capt. Abraham ^{Sparkwood} ~~Sparkwood~~, and toward the last of said time under
Capt. Ab. Randall, in said Warwick, and was in actual service
in said company during said time, ^{ten} ~~two~~ months to the best of
his recollection, this service was at various times during said years
1775 & 6, said ~~company~~ militia was commanded by Col. John
Waterman, a part of said time he served as a sergeant in said
company - and the place of said service was on the shores of said bay in
said Warwick - a part of said time he was drafted and part of
said time, he served as a volunteer -

That in November or December 1776 the British arrived in Newport
in said State, and the ^{whole of the} militia were called out for service, and under
the orders of Capt. Ab. Randall in Col. John Waterman's regiment
he served in said militia about three months, in guarding the shores of
the bay and was stationed during said time in said Warwick -

That afterwards this applicant joined a company of artillery
(a part of the militia of said Warwick) under Capt. Solomon Thornton

and served therein for four months or thereabouts, and was stationed
at Old Warruck village and Warruck neck, during said time, a part
of said time he was stationed at Warruck neck in October & November
1777, the time of Genl. Spencers expedition against Rhode Island, and
the balance of said time at said old Warruck before and after said Spencers
expedition

That afterwards he found an Independent company of Militia
called the Pawtuxet Rangers commanded by Col. Benjamin
Burrill, and as a member of said company served in Genl.
Spencers expedition ^{against Rhode Island} the enemy on Rhode Island in Sept 1778, he served
in said company for two months, he served
in the ranks of the militia in said expedition, during said service
in said expedition he was in the boat service -

That after the British left Rhode Island in the fall of 1779, and as
he believes in the Spring of 1780, said company of Pawtuxet
Rangers, ^{went} ~~remained~~ to Rhode Island and was stationed at
Chepachet for one month, for which time this applicant served
in said company, and that in the month of June 1781 he served in said Rhode Island
company of Pawtuxet Rangers for one month -

That he was a member of said company of Pawtuxet Rangers
until the year 1780, and during the whole of said time considered
himself as militia man, while not in actual service in said compa-
ny as aforesaid, and ready to march at a minutes warning,
and at other times than as aforesaid, while he was in said
Lockwood & Randalls company & said Throntons, then as aforesaid
he served in that period of time on alarms & other occasions
That a part of said time of request herein in the Pawtuxet Rangers
he served as a sergeant, and as aforesaid he served
as a private

That he has no documentary evidence in relation to this
matter

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or

swornly annuity except the funeral and declares that his name is not in the pension roll of the army for any state

I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Thomas Westcott of Warwick in said county of Kent, who has received of me to the above declaration, that we believe to be twenty five years of age, that he is reported to be in the neighborhood where he is said to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we believe in the premises

7th

Thomas Westcott

Rhodes Budlong of Warwick and William Lowally, Jrs
Attorneys

Having certified that we are well acquainted with Thomas Westcott of Warwick in said county of Kent, who has received of me to the above declaration, that we believe to be twenty five years of age, that he is reported to be in the neighborhood where he is said to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we believe in the premises

I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Thomas Westcott of Warwick in said county of Kent, who has received of me to the above declaration, that we believe to be twenty five years of age, that he is reported to be in the neighborhood where he is said to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we believe in the premises

7th

Rhodes Budlong

William Lowally

Viewed by Court of Common Pleas August Term A.D. 1832
Given by Rhodes Budlong & William Lowally in open
Court the seventh day of the Term
Witness John Brown Clk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that

Rhodes Budlong & William Lowally
who has signed the preceding certificate, is a Clergyman, resident in the Town of Warwick

and that
the same are residents in the
persons, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, JOHN BROWN, Clerk of said Court of Common Pleas, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Thomas Westcott for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this seventh day of September in the year 1832

John Brown

State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations
Court of Common Pleas
February Term AD 1833

Personally appeared at said court of Common Pleas
on the fifth day of said term the said Thomas Westcott
who being duly sworn deposed and said that by reason of
old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot
swear positively as to the precise length of a part of the
service described in the foregoing declaration, but according
to the best of his recollection he served not less than the
periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

Dec 20
Thomas Westcott

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For ten months I served in the years 1775 and 1776
in the militia under Capt. Lorkwood & Randall, for five
months whereof I served as a sergeant.

For three months I served after November 1776. in the
militia under Capt. J. B. Randall, he now recollects that
he served this time as a sergeant,

For four months I served as an attesting man in an
Capt. Solomon Pearson.

In two months I served as a sergeant in the Pawtuxet Rangers
the remainder of my service in said Pawtuxet Rangers was as
a private, and for such service I claim a pension.

Thomas Westcott

Given to in open Court

Witness John Brown clk

I Moses Fifield a clergyman residing in Warrick
in the aforesaid County testify that I am well acquainted
with Thomas Westcott, who appears to have subscribed and sworn
to the above and foregoing declaration; that I believe him to be
seventy four years of age; that he is reputed & believed in the neigh-
-borhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and
that I concur in that opinion

Sworn and subscribed the day and year last aforesaid

Moses Fifield
Given to in open Court Witness John Brown. clk -
And the said Court of Common Pleas hereby certifies that it
appears to them that Moses Fifield who has signed the preceding
certificate is a clergyman resident in Warrick aforesaid in said
County of Kent, and that his statement is entitled to credit -

I John Brown Clerk of said Court of Common
Pleas do hereby certify that the foregoing contains
the original proceedings of said Court in the matter apper-
taining to the affidavit of the ^{applicator} of Thomas
Westcott for a writ.

In testimony whereof I have set to my hand
and seal of office this twenty fifth day of
February A.D. 1833 at East Greenwich in said County
of Kent -

John Brown. clk.



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Hon: Lewis Cass

Secy. War. Department.
Washington.

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Cont from vol. A. J. July 26. 1833
In. Enclmd are the applications of Mrs
Wid. etc & Jeremiah Hunt for pension

Respectfully yr humble serv.
William G. Powers

Hon. Secy.

BRIEF objections to the admission of Pension Claims, of which those answered in the negative, in red ink, will apply to the claim of
Thomas Mestroot **which require further proof or explanation.**

- I. Does the declaration show where the applicant resides? *yes*
- II. Did the declarant make the declaration in the county where he resides? *yes*
- III. If the applicant did not make the declaration in the county where he resides, is there any reason assigned for his not doing so? *yes*
- IV. Has the declarant mentioned the period or periods of the war when he served? *yes*
- V. *Has he mentioned with precision the length of his service, and the different grades in which he served, in language so definite as to enable the department to determine to what amount of pension he is entitled? *yes*
- VI. Has he given the names of the officers under whom he served, in conformity with the regulations? *yes*
- VII. Has he made a relinquishment of every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7, 1832? *yes*
- VIII. Has the Court given their opinion? *yes*
- IX. Has the Clerk given his certificate? *yes*
- X. Is the Clerk's seal affixed?—And if so, has it a device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal? *yes*

XI. Has the applicant obtained the evidence of a clergyman and another respectable citizen as to their belief respecting his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary service? *no*

XII. If the clergyman's affidavit has not been produced, is there any reason assigned for not obtaining it? *no*

XIII. If the applicant has no documentary evidence, and has not obtained the testimony of at least one living witness, has he stated in his declaration that such proof cannot be had?

XIV. † If the applicant has produced a witness or witnesses as to his service, has the magistrate who administered the oath certified that he, she, or they are persons of credibility? *yes*

XV. Does it appear from any of the papers that the witness was in such a situation, or of such an age, as to have a personal knowledge of the applicant's service? *yes*

XVI. ‡ Are the papers authenticated as the regulations direct? *yes*

XVII. Are the seven interrogatories prescribed by the War Department answered satisfactorily? And, if not, which of them is not so answered? *yes.*

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

‡ QUERE V. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should amend his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c. A. B. who, being duly sworn, depose and saith, that, by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades: For _____ year _____ months and _____ days. I served as a _____; For _____ months and _____ days, I served as a _____; and for such service I claim a pension."

It is important in all cases to determine with precision the period for which the applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law directs the pension to be paid according to the grade of the pensioner and the length of his service. The use of the phrase *about three or four months* is too indefinite, and all such qualifying expressions are objectionable.

QUERE XIV. Proof of Service.

In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses, who are required to set forth in their affidavits the time of the claimants entering the service, and the time and manner of his leaving the same, as well as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oaths must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the affidavits must be properly authenticated, as above directed.

QUERE XVI. Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticated the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other paper authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the end of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

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Not required when a claimant proves the whole of his service by witnesses who had an actual knowledge of the same

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