

RESOURCES FOR RESEARCHING LOCAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN NORTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

The following slide show accompanied a presentation made by Jamie Eves, the Windham, CT, Town Historian, at the spring 2022 conference of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (04/23/2022). The topic of the conference was "Teaching History with Courage in Tumultuous Times." Eves's presentation was meant to acquaint Connecticut high school teachers with the kinds of sources that public historians use when researching African Americans in local history, many of which are available at local libraries, museums, and historical societies.



District of Connecticut, ss.

At a *Special* Court of Common Pleas, holden at *Windham* within
and for the County of Windham, in said district—

ON this *28th* day of *June* — A. D. 1820, personally ap-
peared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid, [Hav-
ing the power of fine and imprisonment,]

Job Leason of Windham in the County of Windham aforesaid

aged *sixtyfour* years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth,
on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, viz: That he
enlisted for the term of *three years* — on *or about 15th*
day of *March* in the year *1777* — in the State of *Connecticut*
in the company commanded by Captain *Paul Brigham* —
in the regiment commanded by Colonel *John Chandler* —
in the line of the State of *Connecticut* — on the Continental establish-
ment: that he continued to serve in the said corps until *on or about the 15th day of*
March 1780 having served three years
when he was discharged from the said service in *Springfield* in the State of *New York*

*My discharge is lost - I am now a Pensioner the date of my original
application was April 2nd 1812. the A. S. pension certificate is 9.652
I have no trade & depend upon day labor for support. I have been
feeble for 12 years & unable to do anything except a little Basket
making - I have a wife (Roseanna) aged fortyfour who enjoys
pretty good health - I have no children -
I further swear that I again enlisted in Capt. Peter Cornhams
Col. Eben Huntington's Regt. for three years on or about the 1st of April
1781 - I served therein until on or about the 10th day of July 1783
when I was discharged at West point in the State of New York*

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the
United States, on the 18th day of March, *one thousand eight hundred and eighteen*; and
that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my prop-
erty, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within
the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons
engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary war,"
passed on the 18th day of March, *one thousand eight hundred and eighteen*; and that I have
not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts
due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto
annexed, and by me subscribed.

Job Leason

*A Schedule of the whole real & personal estate & income
of Job Leason of Windham in the County of Windham State
of Connecticut - (Atty)*

<i>1 axe hoe & drawing knife</i>	<i>\$1.63</i>
<i>1 axe chain & iron pot</i>	<i>3.34</i>
<i>1 Tea kettle 1 earcup & 1 saucer</i>	<i>0.84</i>
	<i>0.42</i>

1. PDF file:

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2. PPT file:

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