

Pension Application for Azor Bagley

S.44341

The State of Ohio, Adams County, Court of Common Pleas.

On this 16th day of July AD 1830 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record having been made so by the laws of this state—my proceeding according to the Court of Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount—by keeping a record of its proceedings and by having the power of fine & imprisonment &c for the County aforesaid Azor Bagley aged 73 years on the 20th day of the present month, a resident of the County aforesaid who being first sworn in open court according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel [naval] service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the 18th day of March 1818 and the act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820. That the said Azor Bagley enlisted for the term of "three years or during the war" in the month of September 1778 in Fishkill on the River Hudson in the State of New York in the company commanded by Capt. William Stevens in the New York Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. John Lamb in the service of the United States on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the Corps in the service of the United States until the month of September 1781 when he was discharged from the service at West Point—

The company to which he belonged had been discharged some weeks before but Col. Hull had been sent to Quebeck [Quebec] on public service & took this deponent with him & did not return till the month of September when this deponent was honorably discharged but when he left the State of New York he left his discharge with his father and therefore cannot now produce it but the proof of his service will be found on file with the papers on which his first pension was granted.

That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state as he verily believes; that the reason for his not applying for a pension sooner was that he was told by persons who he supposed knew the law & the rules of the War Office that as he owned 58 acres of land he could not obtain a pension whether his land was worth much or little and it was not till lately that he was informed to the contrary.

That he is by occupation a farmer but is so old & infirm that he is not able to labour and in addition to that owing to the privations, hardships & sufferings he endured during the time he was in the service of his country and now laboring under the infirmities of old age—he is so much afflicted with rheumatic pains that he is frequently not able to walk across his house.

That he has no family but himself & wife and she is aged & very infirm and not able to support herself by labour; that when he obtained a pension the certificate or which is dated at the War Office the 20th day of March 1819 & endorsed on the back of it "7910" he did not make out any schedule of his property nor was he required so to do but all the property he had at that time was a Mare & Saddle valued at thirty dollars.

And in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property 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 1818; 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. (Signed) Azor Bagley.

Schedule of Azor Bagley's property as ascertained by the oaths of Thomas Sryan & William M. M.Cullough two reputable freeholders of the County aforesaid.

58 acres of land appraised at \$3.50. . . . \$203.00
1 Horse \$30—1 mare \$12. . . . \$42.00
1 cow \$8.00—1 plough \$2.00. . . . \$10.00
1 pair of guns. . . . \$3.00
2 Sugar Kettles at \$1.25. . . \$2.50
\$260.50

This property was principally purchased with the money which I received from the United States on the pension heretofore allowed. (Signed) Azor Bagley

Sworn to and declared in open court on this 16th day of July 1830. Joseph Darlington, Clerk A.C.

The Court are of opinion that that value of the above mentioned property is two hundred & sixty dollars, fifty cents. July 16th 1830. By order of the Court. Geo. J. Smith, Prest. Judge. C.C. P. 7th Circuit Ohio