

## Pension Application for Cornelius Baldwin

S.23108

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this fourth day of September personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington in the State of New York now sitting Cornelius Baldwin aged seventy six years who for the last forty years has resided in the town of Fort Edward in the said County of Washington & State of New York until about two years ago he the said Cornelius Baldwin went to the town of Wawarsing in Ulster County in the said state to visit his son who resides there— where he has remained with his said son until Friday the last day of August last. When he returned to Fort Edwards aforesaid and the said Cornelius Baldwin 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 this deponent was born as he is informed & believes in the town of Tollsbury in the State of Connecticut in the year 1755. That he has no record of his age but has derived the above information from his parent sin his early years.

That he this deponent entered as a private soldier in the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated.

That he this deponent entered as a private soldier in the service of the United States at Stillwater then in the County of Albany in the State of New York where this deponent then and for a long time before has resided—in February or March of the year 1776 for the term of one year—that he enlisted with Captain Job Wright in the Continental Troops and was shortly afterwards mustered at Albany in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment of which Gansevoort was Lieut. Colonel.

That he served in that regiment one year part of the time at Lake George and was discharged at the end of his time at Saratoga, that he does not remember that he received any written discharge that his Lieut. Col. Gansevoort had the command of Fort George during that year. That he this deponent is now drawing a pension as a soldier for his service.

That at the time Burgoine's Army came into the country he this deponent resided at Stillwater and joined the army under Genl. Gates near Lansingsburg as a volunteer and was by his order attached to Colonel Morgan's Riflemen as a guide and served in the army until after the surrender of Burgoine, and was in the first battle near Bemis Heights. That he this deponent in the spring of 1780 received an appointment as Second Lieutenant in the New York Levies and was ordered to Fort Ann under the command of under the command of [sic] Captain Adid Sherwood.

That he this deponent resided at Stillwater aforesaid at the time of his appointment as Lieutenant—That he entered into the service under said appointment as Lieutenant about the [?] June 1780. That Captain Adid Sherwood had the command of the garrison at Fort Ann consisting of our company, that Ezekiel Roberts was first Lieutenant & this deponent [was] Second Lieutenant of said Company. That they kept garrison at Fort Ann and rebuilt the fort during the summer of 1780. That he this deponent remained in command as such Leiuutenant until the fort was captarued on the tenth of October of that year by a party of British and Indians under Major Carlton. That the garrison consisting of about sixty men surrendered prisoners of war that the enemy went from Fort Ann to Fort George which was also captured—that Captain Sherwood, Lieutenant Roberts and this deponent with the whole company were taken prisoner went to Fort George and from there to Canada where they remained prisoners for more than two years many of them in [stone?] jail and suffering great hardship and privation—

That he this deponent was held as such prisoner of war until after the cessation of hostilities in the fall of one thousand seven hundred and eighty tow when he was returned in a British Cartel ship which sailed from Montreal laden with prisoners to Boston—that John [?] a soldier in this deponent's company and was taken prisoner with this deponent returned on the same packet to Boston with this

deponent—that they landed at Boston on the twenty eighth of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty two when this deponent returned home. That no commission was ever issued to this deponent as Lieutenant so his knowledge—

That this deponent received notice of his appointment and was ordered into service and whether a commission was ever made out or not he does not know—that Captain Sherwood's company was not attached to any organized regiment—while they lay at Fort Ann to his knowledge but was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Livingston then stationed at Fort Edward as deponent understood— That he this deponent afterwards on application at the state authorized received his pay from the State of New York in what was called States notes for his services as Lieutenant at the rate of thirty dollars per month for the whole time after he entered the service at Fort Ann till he returned to Boston amounting to four hundred and forty pounds—this he received in the summer of 1784 at New York—and this deponent further saith that Captain Sherwood and Lieutenant Roberts are both dead.

And he this deponent further saith that he made application for a pension as a Lieutenant under the act of 1717 and forwarded his proofs in support of his application to the war department—that Captain Sherwood and Lieutenant Roberts were then living and their testimony in which of this deponent accompanied his application but by the construction given to the pension law of 1717. The officers and soldier of the militia and State troops were excluded from the benefit of that act—and this deponent in a subsequent application was placed on the pension roll and soldier in virtue of his services in the Continental Army as above stated.

And this deponent further saith that since the Revolution and for the last forty years he has resided in the town of Fort Edward which he now considers his permanent resident and home—that about two years ago he went to visit his son residing in Wawarsing in the County of Ulster as above stated with the expectation at the time of returning in a few months but had continued to remain there until a few days ago, he returned to Fort Edward where his friends and acquaintances reside.

That this deponent has no documentary evidence in his power or within his knowledge showing his appointment or commission as such Lieutenant as above said—nor does this deponent at this time remember by whom the said appointment was made but believes it was made by the governor & council of the State of New York.

And he the said Cornelius Baldwin 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 only on that of the agency of the State of New York.

In addition to the above statement this deponent saith that on his return from Canada he applied to Governor George Clinton then governor of the State of New York in regard to his commission and enquired whether it was to be necessary to have it in order that he might draw his pay. The governor informed deponent it was not necessary. (Signed) Cornelius Baldwin

Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk.