

## **Pension Application for Andrew Balsley**

S.12095

State of New York

Onondaga County SS

On this eleventh day of September personally appeared in open court before Daniel Moseley Esqr, Vice Chancellor of the Circuit at Court of Chancery now sitting Andrew Balsley a resident of the town of Manlius in the County of Onondaga and State of New York Aged Seventy five 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832. That he entered the Service for nine months on the 1 April 1779 as a substitute for John Fivel who he thinks is since deceased. That he served in Captain Robert McKean's (1) Company, Lieutenant John Smith, Col. Henry Van Rensselaer's Regiment of the New York Militia. That he was Stationed at Fort Dayton near Fort Herkimer on the Mohawk River and was out on frequent scouting parties and for the defence of the inhabitants against the Indians & Tories. That he was discharged at Fort Dayton on the last day of December 1779. That he was born at Fort Plain (2) in Herkimer County on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1756. That there is a record of his age in Frysbusch on the Mohawk River possession of some of the family of the Rev. Daniel Croes (3). That he lived in the Town of Manheim in the County of Herkimer when he entered the service and remained there until the year 1794 when he moved to the town of Manlius where he now lives. That he has no documentary evidence of his service not having had a written discharge.

That the names of the persons with whom he is acquainted in the neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution was Allan Bruce, Elijah Baily.

That he hereby relinquishes all 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. (Signed with his mark) Andrew Balsley. (4)

Sworn to and Subscribed this 11 day of Sept 1832. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor.

Reply in pension folder to an inquiry August 20, 1930

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim. S.12095, that Andrew Balsley was born October 16, 1756, at Fort Plains, Herkimer County, New York.

While residing at Manheim, Herkimer County, New York, he enlisted April 1, 1779 and served nine months in Captain Robert McKean's Company, Colonel Henry VanRensselaer's New York Regiment, and was stationed at Fort Dayton on the Mohawk River and went on many scouting parties.

In 1794 he moved to Manlius, Onondaga County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832.

There is no reference to wife or children.

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1. Robert McKean was appointed captain in April of 1779, in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies. Unfortunately the muster rolls for this regiment have not been found.
2. Fort Plain was in, and still is in Montgomery County, New York.
3. Reverend John Daniel Gros.
4. Andrew also served as a private in Captain Christian House's Seventh Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County. He also had served in Captain John Zeely's Company in Colonel Klock's Regiment.