

Pension Application for William Bates

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State of New York

County of Yates SS

On this Fourth day of June in the year of Our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Bates a resident of Benton in the County of Yates and State of New York aforesaid, aged seventy one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in 1779 he resided at Adams in the County of Berkshire and the State of Massachusetts and that in the month of October in the same year he enlisted for three months in Capt Brown's company and Col. Barnes—Regiment of Massachusetts State Troops.

That the above named officers commanded the company and Regiment—that the troops of which the said Regiment was composed, mustered or rendezvoused at Lanesborough in the County aforesaid, and marched from there to Claverack on the Hudson or North River in the State of New York, where they lay about one week, from Claverack they marched up the Hudson to Albany and went into Barracks on Albany Hill a little West of the City where they remained during the time of his enlistment and to see full end and expiration of the same.

That he served and done duty during the whole line of said enlistment as a good and faithful soldier, and at the expiration thereof was discharged or permitted to return home—that he had no written discharge. That there was in his company a Lieutenant Seth Luce, who belonged in Williamstown in the County of Berkshire aforesaid.

And the said William Bates further declares that on or about the first of May 1780, there was an order or call for each militia Company in the State (as he the said William then understood) to furnish a certain number of men to fill up vacancies in the Continental Army then lying at or near West Point on the Hudson River. That it was for the nine months service these troops were to be raised.

That he the said William then belonged to Capt William White's company of Militia in the town of Adams and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

That Capt White called his company together, and gave them their choice to volunteer, or submit to a Draft. – That the number required turned out or in other words volunteered, and that he the said Williams was one of the number who turned out or volunteered—for nine months—

That Captain White mustered his volunteers at Sheffield in Said County—where they passed muster, or in other words; their names, ages, places of residence complexions &c were taken down, and they were enrolled. That they were ordered from there to West Point on the Hudson River in the State of New York, to which place they repaired forthwith to join the army—That they remained at West Point about two weeks

when the Massachusetts troops having nearly all arrived they were ordered over the River to a place called Robinson's Farms, where General Glovers Brigade lay encamped, and he the said William—together with those who volunteered with him were joined to Capt Brown's Company and Col. Bigelows Regiment and General Glovers Brigade of Continental troops in the Line of Massachusetts—That he remained with the army at Robinsons Farms according to the best of his recollection about one month.

That in June the army left Robinson's Farms and moved down the River to Kings Ferry and crossed over to Stoney Point. From Stoney Point he the said William with the rest of the army marched to Paramus Church in New Jersey. From there to Totoway about three miles West of Dobbs Ferry, where they lay about one month. That they continued to move from place to place, along the lines in New Jersey, during the summer, watching the movements of the enemy, keeping guard &c.

That the British occupied New York. That General Glovers Brigade lay at Totoway when Maj Andrew was executed. That late in the Fall, after the weather had become cool and snow began to fall, he with the rest of the army returned to West Point, on the Hudson River, in the State of New York, and went into winter quarters—That he lay at West Point until the nine months for which he engaged, had expired, which was in February 1781—

That during the whole of said nine months he served faithfully in Capt Browns Company, in Col. Bigelows Regiment and General Glovers Brigade, in the line of Massachusetts, and at the end of said nine months received a written discharge from Col Bigelow and returned home. That his discharge is lost and gone—That his discharge is lost and gone. That Capt Brown who commanded in the three months service before named and Capt Brown who commanded in Col Bigelows Regiment and Gen. Glovers Brigade were two different men and officers bearing the same name.

And the said William Bates further declares that he was born in Coventry in the State of Rhodeisland in the year 1761—That there is a record of his age in his Fathers Bible, now in his mothers possession in Spencer, Tioga County N. York.

That he was living in Adams in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts when first called into the service. After the Revolutionary War he removed to Stanford in the State of Vermont where he lived six years—from Stanford he removed to Owego Tioga County N.Y. where he lived Ten Years from Owego he removed to Snell in the county of Ontario, now Benton Yates Co., N. York—where he has resided since and now resides.

That he is known to Rev John Goff—Capt Truman Spencer, and Martin, George PostMaster at Benton aforesaid, who can testify to his character for veracity, and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)
William Bates

George Shearman, Clerk of Yates County.