

Pension Application for Joseph Bearce or Bass

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Conn. Continental, N.Y. Sea Service

Original Claim. Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List under the act of the 18th March 1818.

Country of Worcester SS.

On this sixteenth day of March 1827, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of Record for the County of Worcester, Joseph Bearce resident in said County, aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Joseph enlisted for the term of eight months some time during the month of May as he believes, in the year 1775 in the State of Connecticut in the company commanded by Colonel Charles Webb in the Line of the State of Connecticut on the eight months Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps during the said term of eight months and then enlisted into the same corps for the term of three years on the three years Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps, except when detached to serve in the water service on board the Gally Lady Washington under Robert Cook on the North River during the summer of 1776 till July 1777, when he was transferred into a company of artillery under the command of Captain James Funnival in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Campbell, but whether he was by such transfer discharged from the Regiment commanded by Colonel Webb he cannot now say. He served in the Continental service and in Captain Funnivals Company after joining it in July 1777, till the latter part of the year 1778, the precise time he cannot state, when he was discharged from the service in the State of New Jersey, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except he present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except Connecticut unless it should be on the roll of Campbell's regiment. And that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension in the present form viz. Soon after the passage of the Act of 18th march 1818 he made a declaration before a Court of competent jurisdiction in order to be placed on the Pension list but the papers in the case were lost or mislaid by the gentleman with home he entrusted the management of his claim. This loss he did not learn till some time after and one of the witnesses upon whom he chiefly relied for proof of his claim died before the attempted again to make declaration. He has however concluded to make this application in hopes that the rolls of the Continental Army may be sufficient to substantiate his claim without the aid of that witness.

And in pursuance of the act 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. That since the 18th of March no material changes have been made in my property. (Signed) Joseph Bearce

Sworn to and declared on the sixteenth day of March 1827, before the Court aforesaid. Attest, Abijah Bigelow, Clk.

Schedule of Property belonging to Joseph Bearce, March 12, 1827.

My wearing apparel worth \$20.00

1 Chest of the value 1.00

And no more \$21.00 Joseph Bearce. Attest, Abijah Bigelow Clk.