

Pension Application for Simon Beman or Beeman

S.12145

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Simon Beman who first being duly sworn, deposed and said that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service particularly as states the aggregate of service mentioned in his declaration of the 21st of September 1832 under [?] in which service was claimed but according to the best of his recollection he served [fold in paper] to Captain Jacob Vosburgh and belonged to his company under whom he at times went into service [?] and was called out to [?] a [?] officer who was [?] to pass and went to Rensselaer County but did not succeed and served four day. Then in 1776 when British were expected from Canada and marched to Half Moon and dismissed & returned home serving ten days. Once was called out & marched to Albany on the way to Cherry Valley the time it was burned but was taken such at Albany and dismissed in consequence thereof & returned [?] serving twelve days. One to quell along [?] in Canaan in the aforesaid County and served two days. Once to Kinderhook to dispense a band of Tories who robbed Van [?] and served two days.

Once at New Concord on a similar object there under Lieutenant Saml Thompson who held his commission in same company with Capt. [?]

Then to Kinderhook where the Tories robbed Van Ness at which time Abraham VanNess was killed and pursued in the [?] to the northward who went & served Burgoyne's army which [?] at Saratoga and served seven days.

Over the Tories attempted to take Captain Vosburgh at his own house who chanced have the guns belonging to his company which were loaded with which he defended himself till the riflemen rallied Beeman among them and dispensed them & pursued them various ways serving three days.

Once went to the county of Rensselaer on and alarm in consequence of a request that the Tories had a [?] there & served four days.

Once was called out to reconnoiter in search of Tories with orders to disarm everyone who could not give satisfactory evidence of attachment to the American cause & served four days. Once at Kleinkill on a report that Tories were collecting at VanSchaick's and served two days.

Once taking a number of Tories and conveying them to John Beevers where they lived and serving seven days.

And this deponent further saith that the tour mentioned in his said declaration commenced in September 1777 embracing the capture of Burgoyne in which he served one & a half month he was a sergeant and served as such. So that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the [fold in paper] I served as a sergeant and six months & twenty nine days as a private and for such service I claim a pension. (Signed) Simon Beman

Subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of March 1833 before me in open court. Justice of the Peace. Witness my hand and seal of office this 28th day of March 1833. Jos. D. Morrell