

Pension Application for Micajah Benedict

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State of New York
Cayuga County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for said county Micajah Benedict who being duly sworn says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to his best recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below & in the following grade. For one year & six months I served as a private soldier and for such services I claim a pension—In the above I have not included the services performed in the years 1779 & 1780 as a minute man in the company of Capt. Tirawzy Collins as the services actually performed were in short tours & I am unable to state when & where each tour was performed whilst in the service in Capt. Stephen Ball's Company of State troops my Lieutenants name was Jesse Hubbel—the name of the Ensign I do not remember – said company was attached to no regiment whilst I served in it, having been detached therefrom soon after joining said company to serve on board of the express Ferry as stated in my declaration—In the second term of Service mentioned in said declaration in the company of Capt. Tiranzy Collins my Lieuts name was Phineas Weed, my Ensigns name I do not remember—the Regiment was commanded by Col. Mitchel & Major Dowel – Funday as I believe—my next tour was performed in the same company & under the same officers—during my tour of one month in case of alarm in Sept 1781 I served as a substitute for one Aaron Root—but the names of my officers I do not remember—I was born in the town of Danbury in the County of Fairfield & State of Connecticut AD 1762 as appears by a record of my age in my family bible—I continued to live there until I was about thirteen years of age when I removed to Ballston in the County of Saratoga where I continued to reside until about twenty eight years ago when I removed to Cayuga County aforesaid where I have resided ever since. (Signed) Micajah Benedict

Sworn & subscribed the 24th day of April 1833 before me. Robert Cook Justice of the Peace

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On this 25th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and State of New York, now setting, Micajah Benedict a resident of Mentz in the County of Cayuga and State of New York, aged 69 years 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:-- That about the first of April AD 1778 then being a resident of the town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York, he enlisted into the company of State troops as he believes for a term of ten months, in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Ball, that he marched first to Albany where he was mustered, from thence he was marched to West Point, where he was engaged in tending an express ferry for four or five months, when he was detached and taken on board of a row galley called the Lady Washington under the command of William Lewis where he continued to serve until the expiration of said term when he was discharged. That said Galley was stationed at & near West Point during said term.

He further declares that about the first of August AD 1779 at Ballston aforesaid he was drafted and entered said service in the company of Capt. Tiranzy Collins (the name of his colonel he does not remember) that he marched with said company to Northumberland in the County of Saratoga where he was stationed as a guard for a term of three months, at the expiration of which time he was discharged.

He further declares that about the month of June AD 1780 he was again drafted & entered said service in the same company—that he marched with said company to Fort Edward, where he was stationed for the term of four months when he was discharged & returned home.

He further declares that in the month of September AD 1781 he again entered said service in case of alarm. That previous to that time he had been driven from home by the enemy and had removed to Massachusetts, from which state he went at the time of said alarm to Saratoga, from thence to Stillwater where he remained about two weeks when he returned to Berkshire County in the State of Massachusetts aforesaid having been out a term of one month or more that he was attached to no company during said term—

He further says that in the years 1779 & 1780 whilst not in actual service as aforesaid he served as a minute man in the company of Captain Tiranzy Collins—that during said term he was frequently called into service in cases of alarm that he lived upon the frontier and was constantly in readiness for service—and was most of the time in actual service, and was in actual service during said term one year and more as he verily believes—that he never received a written discharge from said service as he believes & has no proof of said services documentary or otherwise except the accompanying that he saw Gen. Washington, Gen. Putnam, Gen. Glover, Gen. Schuyler & others.

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 any state or territory. (Signed) Micajah Benedict

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asahel Fitch, Judge