

Pension Application for Ebenezer Bennet or Bennett

S.12163

State of New York

County of Putnam SS.

On this thirteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before Frederick Stone, Samuel Washburn, Bennet Boyd, Esquires three of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Putnam aforesaid, Ebenezer Bennet, aged Eighty six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of Preston in the State of Connecticut in the year 1745.

That he has no record of his age, the record formerly in a family bible has been lost or destroyed for a great number of years.

He lived when called into the service, in that part of the now County of Putnam which is called Patterson to which place he came to live when he was quite a boy—that he lived there during the Revolutionary War & has lived within four miles of the spot of his then residence, ever since a part of the time in the town now called Patterson & a part of the time within the limits of the now town of Kent in Putnam County—has lived in said town of Kent for the last nine years, & now resides there—

He first entered the service by volunteering into the Militia & he volunteered in both instances herein after stated—

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

That he first volunteered into the service for five months in the summer of 1776 (the month is not remembered) in Captain Mott's company, in Colonel Swartwout's Regiment, William Calkins was a lieutenant & there was a Captain Swartwout also but the declarant does not remember the names of any other officers—Captain Mott was promoted to the rank of Major of William Calkins took command of the company—Declarant served out the full period of service of five months & at the expiration of that period was honorably discharged soon after declarant entered the service as before stated, he marched with his company to Peekskill Westchester County in the State of New York, & afterwards to Kings Bridge by land by the way of Singing. At Kingsbridge the declarant with the other troops there was engaged in throwing up redoubts & building a fort which he thinks was called Fort Independence—while they lay there, the battle of Long Island took place & the British took New York City.

The declarant does not recollect what other troops were there at this time—but he remembers that General Washington & General Lee, Captain [?] Ludington & he thinks General Putnam were there—He does not remember the names of any other officers except those herein above stated. The declarant then marched from Kingsbridge with the army to White Plains & was there with them at the time of the battle of White Plains.

The declarant again entered the service as a volunteer at his place of residence above stated, in Captain David Hancock's company for two months, in the spring or summer of 1778—Joseph Chandler was lieutenant but he does not remember who commanded the regiment to which he belonged for there were only two or three companies in the service in which they were employed—thinks that Pierce was Colonel at this time but he might have been a captain. He remembers the names of no other officers—The declarant with his company marched to & along the Hudson River, through Fishkill & with one or two other companies when below Fishkill into the Highland, on the East Side of the river & encamped—They lay there, & were occupied in guards; that part of the country & scouting occasionally—At the expiration of the term of two months the declarant after serving out the said term was discharged—thinks there were no other troops there except as stated.

The declarant is not able to make a more full statement of his services then herein continued—

He was not a substitute for any person in either of the terms of service above stated.—

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure; other than those whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

He received a discharge in writing after the expiration of the five months tour, thinks it was given by Colonel Swartwout at Peekskill—he preserved it for a time, but it has been lost for great many years, thinks his children or grandchildren destroyed it, when children, for he has not seen it for many years—His other discharge was verbal.

The persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood among other & who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are John Robinson & Russell Stephens.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
Ebenezer Bennet

Subscribed & sworn in open court. September 13th 1832.[Monhaur?] Clk

Letter in file dated January 2, 1914, written in response to an inquiry for information.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension Claim S.12163, it appears that Ebenezer Bennet or Bennett was born in 1745, in Preston, Connecticut.

While residing in Putnam County, New York, he enlisted in the summer of 1776 and served five months as a private in Captains' Mott and William Calkins Company, Colonel Swartwout's New York Regiment, and he was in the battle of White Plains.

From the spring or summer of 1778 he served two months as a private in Captain David Hecock's New York Company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 13, 1832, while residing in Kent, Putnam County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.