

Pension Application for John Bivins

[Writing is exceptionally poor on this document.]R.875 (Widow: Hannah) Married in the fall of 1779. John died February 24, 1839. March 1775 Fifer, Capt. Allen, Col. Bever. Transferred to Capt. Harvey. Dec. 1775 Capt Haynes. Dec. 1775 Capt. Hayner, Col. Whitcomb. Apl 1777 Capt. Webber. Aug 1779 Capt King.

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

State of Ohio

Wayne County SS.

On the 21st day of March AD 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, John Bivins a resident of [Maheen?] township Wayne County aforesaid aged seventy two years on the 15th September last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted for nine months as a fifer in the army of the U. States about the last of March 1775 under Capt. _____ Allen ____ Whipple last of March 1775 Corporal Jonathan Bevins Colonel of the Regiment that he was transferred to the company of Captn Moses Harvey that he served out his term of nine months & was discharged the last day of December 1775 & in the same month of December a little before the first term expired applicant, enlisted at [Prospect?] Willmer Beston Massachusetts for the term of a year in the service of the U. States under Capt. Aaron Haynes, Joseph Williams half brother of applicant was 1st Lieutenant one the 2nd Lieutenant he believes was ____ Smith. The regiment was under the command of Col. Asa Whitecomb ____ Ticker was adjutant. Applicant served out his year this 2nd enlistment and was discharged in December 1776 at Ticonderoga. Applicant was in the militia service. He was called into the service at Worthington Massachusetts as near as he can remember early in August 1777 to march to Bennington Vermont under Capt. Webber [?] was sergeant, Elisha Kinny a corporal. Joshua Moss was quartermaster of the regiment almost directly after his return from Bennington applicant was again ordered with the same company & officers to Stillwater, New York & was there at the battle there in September of that year; we were discharged but a day or two before the surrender of Genl Burgoyne, applicant must have been in the service where those two armies with the militia about two or two & a half months. Applicant was also drafted for three months at New Lebanon New York in the fall he thinks of 1779 to proceed with the militia to Fishkill New York, he believes under Capt. Gideon King & he served as such militia men the term of three months except a few days before the end of the term.

During the service of his first enlistment, applicant was with the army in the neighborhood of Boston sometimes at Cambridge but principally on Prospect Hill, was on the march from Cambridge to Bunker's Hill on the day of the battle (June 17) with his company but not in time to share in the fight. Applicant was in the battle of Stillwater (September 19, 1777) as a private in the militia & in no other actual engagement.

To the question: where & in what year were you born? Applicant answers—In Middletown Connecticut on the 15th September 1760.

Quest. 2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. He answers—I have no record of my age.

Quest. 3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live. He answers—He was living at Northampton Massachusetts when called into service—at the close of the war he lived as well as he remembers at New Lebanon New York, thence he removed to Ballston N. York remained there about two years, then lived about one year in Middletown Connecticut, returned to Ballstown [?] about two years, then moved to Milford Otsego Co., N. York lived there about thirty years, then went to Clarence near Buffalo N. York

resided there about two years, removed to Maheen Wayne County Ohio where he now resides & has resided for about thirteen years.

Quest. 4—How were you called into service, where you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, if a substitute for whom? Ans. He enlisted as [?] first for 9 months, then a year was next ordered out with the militia to march to Bennington then to Stillwater—and afterward drafted for three months for Fishkill.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service. Answer. At Boston General Washington, Putnam & [?] there was also – Knox a [?] at Ticonderoga about can't remember any officers except these named of my company except Stillwater or Bennington & Fishkill –applicant now recollects Major Chapin was at Stillwater.

Quest.—Did you ever receive a discharge from the service if so from where & what has become of it? Answr. I received a discharge from service at Ticonderoga, but have lost it. [?] not distinctly remember whether I have received any either written discharge or not--who gave the discharge not remembered.

That the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a [?] of the revolution applicant says Rev. Benjn Bunn & Ezra Tryon.

Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. Applicant has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. (Signed) John Bivins

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. Sloane, Clerk