

Pension Application for Jacob Bogardus

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State of New York
Greene County SS.

On this thirty first day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Dorrance Kirtland Esquire first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Greene and State of New York (the said Court being a court of record) Jacob Bogardus aged between eighty one & eighty two years a resident of the Town of Greenville in the County of Greene and State aforesaid, who 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 was born in the town of Coxsackie in the County of Greene and State of New York on the 16th day of September 1750. That his sister the said Elizabeth Bogardus of Coxsackie aforesaid has a family record in which his age is set down. That he continued to reside in the town of Coxsackie until 1777 when he removed to what is now called Greenville in the same county where he has resided ever since.

That in the commencement of the Revolutionary War he was enrolled in a militia company commanded by Capt. Thomas Houghtaling of Coxsackie aforesaid, in a Regiment under Col. Anthony Van Bergen, both of whom are dead—Henry VanBergen of Coxsackie also deceased was lieutenant.

That upon his enrollment he was ordered to be prepared and in constant readiness for actual duty; that pursuant to wuch ordered he provided himself with arms and ammunition; and so remained prepared & ready for actual duty during the whole of said war—That he considered himself bound to military service for the United States during that war—

That previous to the Surrender of Burgoyne he went north of Albany and did military duty and was gone sometime but how long he cannot now say, nor does he remember the names of the officers under whose command he then went.

That he also did duty before the surrender of Burgoyne, but the year he does not recollect, at Schoharie in a fort—

That he was then under the command of two Lieutenants of the Militia to wit Jeherichim Tryon and Leonard Bronk both of Coxsackie, both of whom are dead—That he remained there more than a month, it may have been six weeks.

That in the year 1776 in the fall of that year he did duty at a place called Lorenburgh now Athens in the County of Greene aforesaid—that he was then commanded by Capt. Thomas Houghtaling & Lieutenant Ryckert VanDenBergh both of Coxsackie now deceased—that the militia there protected American boats & canoes & defended the country against the anticipated attacks of Tories. That he did duty there at that time about six weeks.

That in the summer of 1777 he was ordered out north against the British forces under Genl Burgoyne – that he went under the command of the aforesaid Lieutenants Henry VanBergen & Ryckert VanDenBergh. That he went about five miles north of Fort Edward—that the American forces under Genl Schuyler commenced retreating and that he remained on actual duty then until the army retreated to Saratoga—that he was in actual duty then about six weeks.

That he was also ordered to and did duty for two or three seasons at a place called Passenmacossac in the town of Catskill in the County of Greene aforesaid under Philip Conine a Capt. Lieutenant in the New York line of the Continental army and he believes he did actual service there from five to six months.

That he also did duty on the Mohawk River and he believes it was in the year 1779 at Johnson's Hall—That he thinks the aforesaid Henry VanBergen & Ryckert VanDenBergh were his officers—That he was there on duty not less than two weeks. That Johnson's Hall was at lease seventy miles from Coxsackie.

That after he was enrolled in Thomas Houghtaling's company as aforesaid, the company was divided into classes to guard a district of country extending along the North River about twenty miles and went from the said river about thirty or forty miles—That the said classes were alternately called out in such a manner as to have a class out constantly and thus have a guard on duty every day and night—That the company remained thus classed & did duty for a number of successive seasons from the spring until the fall in each year.—That he did duty faithfully for three or four successive seasons in that manner—That the duty was done under different officers, both commissioned & non-commissioned; all of whom he believes to be now dead.—That he cannot state precisely how much duty he did in each of these seasons, but he has no doubt he was called out & did duty generally twice a week, sometimes once and occasionally once a fortnight—That at each time one or two days & nights were devoted to the fulfillment of the duties aforesaid—That he was also called out on alarms, on other special occasions & on scouting parties—That all the services he rendered were on his own account & not as a substitute—That he has no discharge.

That he is now & has been very infirm for several years last past—That his memory has considerably failed & that he cannot therefore state his services so particularly as he otherwise might be able to do. Yet he has no doubt that the actual services he has rendered as a private soldier for the United States during the Revolutionary War exceed the term of two years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Jacob Bogardus

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me, Dorrance Kirtland, First Judge aforesaid.