

Pension Application for Matthew Boughton

S.10378

State of New York
Greene County SS.

On the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Matthew Boughton a resident of Durham in the County of Greene and State of New York aged seventy four years 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of August 1776 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain David Hoty and a regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph P. Cook at the town of Danbury in the State of Connecticut & marched to the City of New York and continued then in the service aforesaid until October following a term of two months and was then discharged by the said Colonel Cook. During the aforesaid time New York was evacuated and the army driven out of the city by the enemy.

That in the forepart of the month of December 1776 he again entered the service aforesaid as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Richard Shute & regiment commanded by Colonel Bardsley & Brigade commanded by General Wooster at Danbury aforesaid and marched to the town of Rye in the State of New York and continued there in the service aforesaid until the fore part of the month of March 1777 (a term of three months) he was then by General Wooster discharged.

That the first of May 1777 he enlisted as a private in the company commanded by Captain Reuben Scoville for the term of eight months at the town of Danbury aforesaid and marched to the place called Horseneck in the State of Connecticut and was then attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Eno of the State troops of the State of Connecticut & Brigade commanded by General Parsons of the Continental line and continued in the service at Horseneck aforesaid until the last day of December 1777 (a term of eight months) and was then discharged by Colonel Eno.

That on the first of April 1778 he enlisted as a private for the term of six months in a company commanded by Captain Caleb Church in the State troops of the State of Connecticut at Danbury aforesaid and marched to the town of Fishkill in the State of New York and then was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Wood then marched to the town of Peekskill and was then attached to a brigade commanded by General Nickson of the Continental line and was engaged in the battle at the time Peekskill was burned and marched from thence to the town of White Plains, and continued then until the eighth day of September following and was then taken sick and placed in the Hospital & continued there until the regiment to which he was attached were discharged making a term of service of six months.

That in the month of April 1779 he was drafted at the Town of Danbury aforesaid from a company of cavalry to which he belonged and marched to Horseneck aforesaid under the command of Captain Benjamin Hecock and was then attached to a regiment of cavalry commanded by Colonel Sheldon of the Continental Army and continued in the service of Horseneck until the month of June following a term of two months and was then discharged.

That in the month of July 1779 at the time that Fairfield and Norwalk were burned, he volunteered and was engaged in the battle at Norwalk he went in consequence of the alarm and was not under the immediate command of any officer. Immediately after in the month aforesaid he entered the service as a substitute for Thomas Field who was drafted for a term of two months in the militia of the State of Connecticut at the town of Fairfield under Captain Ezra Bush in a regiment commanded by

Colonel Moseley and continued in the service at Fairfield for the term of two months and was then discharged.

That in the month of April 1780 he enlisted in a company called Rangers, at the Town of South East State of New York, under the command of Lieutenant Thomas Sears in a regiment commanded by Colonel John Field of the militia of the State of New York for the term of three months and served during the said time in traveling among the [?] on the Hudson River north of New York in search of Tories and cowboys as they were then called making a term of service of three months—

That in the month of September 1780 he entered the service as a substitute for Andre Akins who was drafted for two months in the Town of Danbury aforesaid in the militia of the State of Connecticut and marched to to [sic] Horseneck in the state aforesaid in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Smith and continued as a guard for the term of two months and was then discharged.

That while he was in the service as aforesaid he was acquainted with Colonel Samuel Webb, Colonel Charles Webb, Major James Davenport, Colonel Hobby & General Israel Putnam.

That he was born in the Town of Danbury in the State of Connecticut in the year 1758—has no record of his age—he was living in Danbury in the State of Connecticut when called into service—has lived in the Town of Harpersfield State of New York four years and then removed to Durham in the County of Greene & State of New York where he now lives—That he never received any written discharge from the service at any time.

That he has no documentary evidence--& that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Jedediah Gaylor and Asa Boughton whose [whose] affidavits are herewith annexed.

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 Agency of any state. (Signed) Matthew Bougton

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid in open court before me. William V. B. Hermance