

Pension Application for William Boughton

R.1056 (Widow: Mary)
State of New York
County of Rensselaer SS.

On the 10th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before Daniel Gordon Esquire Recorder of the City of Troy in said County of Rensselaer in the Mayor's Court of the said city now setting William Boughton a resident of Stephentown in said county aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

In the month of June 1776, he entered as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Delavan in Colonel Drakes Regiment in Salem West Chester County State of New York marched to Harlem and were stationed then for a while to guard the North river and watch the movements of the enemy from there to Fort Independence and then was put into a company under Captain Lamb and marched to Morristown in New Jersey and served there and in the adjacent places about two months under General Washington & Generals Green & Heath were also there from there returned to Peekskill and rejoined Captain Delavan's Company and at the expiration of five months was dismissed and returned home.

In October 1777, he enlisted as a volunteer in a company of rangers or minute men for four months in a company commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan, Lieutenant Noah Boughton and Ensign or Second Lieutenant Miller in Colonel Thomas Thomas' regiment marched to Kingsbridge and then to a place called Kings Street and at Stephen Ward's House the British fell upon them in the night and Captain Delavan's company were dismissed some killed and some taken at the battle and such as escaped went home serving about three months and was not again called during the said four months enlistment.

Immediately thereafter say about the 25th of March he enlisted as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Moses Pigeon & V Lieutenant Cook in Colonel Webb's regiment for one year and marched to a place called Continental Village and put under General Putnam and garrisoned at work at the building of Fort Arnold at West Point and sent time and was discharged by Gen. Putman in the Phinix and the Rose came up the river and the Asia lay at New York knew Captain Blake and Lieutenant Hill. He was born at Canaan Connecticut in 1755.

He resided at Salem in West Chester County during all the said enlistment and was always on the alert and frequently and almost at all times called out on all alarms being near the lines of the enemy sometimes being out four sometimes six weeks and some times less during the war to the amount as he verily believes of at least one year of continued service the particulars of all of which he cannot recollect and therefore was not attempt it never had any discharge except aforesaid.

While under Captain Nathaniel Delavan he was at the Battle at Danbury Connecticut.

He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of Jesse Nicholas whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

He removed from Salem after the war to [Limebury?] Connecticut from there to Salesbury CT from there to [?] were in said County of Rensselaer where he now resides. (Signed) Wm. Boughton

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk