

Pension Application for Aaron Burt

R.1506 Aaron died December 8, 1845. Wife Olive died December 5, 1845. They were married January 8, 1793 while residents of Williamstown Mass. Daughter Betsey McLean applied for benefits Sept 3, 1852.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 16th day of June 1834 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid it being a Court of Record.

Aaron Burt a resident of the town of Davenport in the County of Delaware and State of New York aged seventy two 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 and served in the regiment of the New York line under the following named officers.

That on or about the 5th day of May in the year 1780 I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer. I enlisted as a private soldier at a place called Cambridge in the then County of Albany now Washington County and State of New York in a Company commanded by Captain Phelps in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Warner and was first redevoused [rendezvoused] at Fort George. I there joined the Regiment and was stationed there and did garrison duty until the 7th day of November in the same year under the above named officers and after a service of six months and two days I was discharged by Major Bronson said Bronson was the Major of said Regiment said discharge was in writing which said discharge is lost and gone.

That I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Malitia [militia] in Cambridge aforesaid on the 20th of July in the year 1780 in a company commanded by Captain Henry Brown of which company Abraham Wright was Lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Colo. VanVort the name of the Major I don't recollect I entered the service under a Drafted and served for the term of three months and served for that term of time under the above named officers and on the 20th day of October I was discharged by Colonel VanVort said discharge was in writing and is lost and gone both of which terms of service amounts to nine months and two days.

That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and that there is no living witnesses whose testimony he can procure to my knowledge & belief.

The following Interrogatories were propounded by the Court.

Where and in what year were you born? I was born in a place called Brimfield in the County of Berkshire in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1762 on the 25th day of March.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? I have none except it is on the town Records of Brimfield in the State of Massachusetts I have been informed by my father that is was there.

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? At the time I was called in to serve I lived in the town of Cambridge in the State of New York. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived about 12 years in the town of Williams town in the State of Massachusetts. I have also lived in the town of Fort Ann in the County of Washington State of New York for the time of six years and also in the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie about twenty five years from there to [Kastuglet?] In the County of Delaware & lived there until the year 1832. I then removed in to the town of Davenport in the County of Delaware aforesaid at which place I have since lived & where I now live.

How were you called into service were you Drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? I was a volunteer in the first tour & drafted in the Second tour.

State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served such as Continental & Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your services. I state that Colonel Seth Warner was the first Colonel under whom I served the first tour of six months & two days and Colonel VanVort was the Commander of the Regim't in my 2d tour of Three months service Colonel Warner I all was considered a Continental officer and Colonel VanVort a Militia officers during the time I was stationed at Fort George. There was not any other general officers there.

Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

I had two written discharges one for the end of the term of six months and two days signed by Colonel Warner and one at the end of the three months service signed by Colonel VanVort and they are both lost and gone.

State the names of persons in your present neighbourhood to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. The names are Azor Smit and Thomas J. Patton. (Signed) Aaron Burt

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk