

Pension Application for Benjamin Cuthbert

S.12654

State of Vermont

Chittenden County SS.

Revolutionary Claims.

On this seventeenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable County Court for the County of Chittenden, now sitting Benjamin Cuthbert, a resident of Hinesburgh in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont, aged eighty three 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 7, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

I enlisted at New Windsor in the State of New York in the month of September 1777 into Captain James Young's Company in Col. Andrew Taylor's Regiment of Artificers.

In the spring of 1778 I was assigned to Col. Udney Hays department, who belonged to the Massachusetts troops, and in consequence of a wound which I received in October 1778. I was discharged on the last day of December 1779 at the Fishkill, having been in the service twenty one months.

In 1780, I engaged at New Haven in Connecticut on board the Privateer Recovery commanded by Captain Smedley who was employed by Governor Trimble, to capture and molest the enemy. On my first voyage I was taken prisoner carried into New York and put on board the Prison Ship Hunter I was taken on board the prison ship Hunter. I was taken in February and was not released until the May following, this service was about four months.

I recollect that Maj'r Hale was in the service and belonged to the Artificers department in 1777 and 1778 our business was building barracks, making Shiver de Frize [Cheveaux de fries] and making a large chain to put across the Hudson River at West Point.

I think I received a discharge, (in consequence of my wound) signed by Udney Hay, this discharge I had with me at the time I was captured, and it was then taken from me.

I was born in Providence Rhode Island in the year 1747.

I have no record of my age, but recollect to have seen my age recorded in my Father's Bible.

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 the agency of any State. (Signed) Benjamin Cuthbert

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Before Nathan B. Masnell, Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 11, 1933.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.12654 it appears that Benjamin Cuthbert was born in 1749 in Providence, Rhode Island.

While a resident of Nine Partners, New York he enlisted August 1, 1776 and served as a private in Captain William Stewart's Company, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment, and was discharged January 1, 1777. He enlisted April 1, 1777 and served as a private four months in Captain Heermanse's company, Colonel Graham's Regiment.

In September 1777 he enlisted and served as Artificier in Captain James Young's Company, Colonel Andrew Taylor's Regiment of Artificers, was transferred under Lieutenant Purdy and Colonel Udney Hay, in the Quartermaster's Department; was wounded in October 1778, in consequence of which he was discharged December 31, 1778.

In 1780 he engaged at New Haven, Connecticut on board the Privateer "Recovery", Captain Smedley, and on his first voyage was taken prisoner in February 1780, carried to New York and put on the prison ship "Hunter"; he was released the following May, having served four month in all.

He enlisted August 1, 1780, and served as a private in Captain Thomas McKinstry's Company, Colonels VanBenschoten and Lewis DuBoys' New York Regiment and was discharged November 1, 1780.

He applied for pension August 17, 1832 while living in Hinesburgh, Chittendon County, Vermont. He died March 28, 1844, in Starkboro, Addison County, Vermont, leaving no widow (her name not given), but the following surviving children, who were all living in 1853 in the places named below, and to whom the pension was allowed; Christania Cuthbert, or Christiana Cuthbert Cornwall, and Benjamin Cuthbert of Warren, Washington County, Vermont; John Cuthbert of Michigan, Elijah Cuthbert and Mary Knapp of Dodge County, Wisconsin, and Amy Vidito of Pennsylvania.