

## **Pension Application for Benjamin Gauss**

S.13125

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Court now setting, Benjamin Gauss a resident of the town of Bloomfield in said County aged sixty seven 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> At the town of Claverick in the State of New York in April 1781 was mustered in Captain McKain's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment and was first marched to Schenectady and then to Canajoharie, Schoharie, German Flatts and other places on the Mohawk River, was in the Battle with the Indians at Turlock at which battle Captain McKain was killed—this was in June 1781 he served out the full term of nine months the time he entered for.

2d On or about the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782 at Ballstown in Saratoga County. He enlisted for three years in captain Cannons Company Colonel Regiment and about the 1<sup>st</sup> May was marched to Fort Herkimer and was employed in building breast works and doing camp duty—was afterwards at Fort Plain in the same company and there had the small Pox.

In the winter of 1783 was in a detachment sent out to procure sleighs to transport the public stores on the expedition against the Fort at Oswego and on or about the 8<sup>th</sup> February began the march to Oswego, and having approached near the Fort the expedition failed and was marched back to Oneida Lake – during the expedition had his toes frozen and has ever since been disabled but continued in the service and was a waiter in his company and in the fall of that year returned to Schenectady and was discharged on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1784.

He received a discharge which he thinks was signed by his Captain which certificate entitled him to land from the State of New York and which certificate he sold more than forty years ago to a man named Patterson who lived in Albany for thirty dollars. While at Fort Plain saw General Washington.

Has no documentary evidence excepting the affidavit of Nathan Delano herto [hereto] attached and the testimony of John Adams of Bloomfield who knows his service in the Revolutionary War and Abner Adams also of Bloomfield who knows his service in the Revolutionary War and Abner Adams also of Bloomfield.

He was born at Nine Partners in the State of New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1765. Has no record of his age. Was living in Alford County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, when called into service and was a volunteer.

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. Has lived in Bloomfield more than forty two years, where he now resides.  
(Signed) Benjamin Gauss

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. Charles  
Crane, Clerk of the Court.