

Pension Application for Benjamin Nelson

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Genesee now sitting Benjamin Nelson a Resident of the Town of Attica in the County of Genesee and State of New York aged Seventy five 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.

That in the latter part of May or the first of June in the year 1777 in the Town of Whitingham in the County of Windham and State of Vermont he the said Benjamin Nelson enlisted for the term of six months into the Company of Rangers commanded by Captain Levi Goodenough which company was attached and belonged to Colonel Herrick's Regiment of Rangers. That he enlisted as aforesaid under Ensign Isaac Lyman of said company and immediately after so enlisting her marched to Bennington in Vermont and then joined the said Company and Regiment.

That he does not know that said Regiment was attached to any Brigade. That he was stationed at Bennington about a fortnight. Then marched to Shaftsbury and stayed there a week or ten days with said Regiment. From there he marched with said Regiment to Wells and from there to Pollet in Vermont which place was the head quarters of said Regiment.

That he was stationed with said Company and Regiment at Pollett aforesaid till he was discharged while was in the latter part of November or the forepart of December in the year 1777 at which time and at Pollett aforesaid he was discharged but received no written discharge.

That he served in said company and regiment of the term of six months. That no other company or regiment was stationed at Pollett aforesaid to his knowledge while he was stationed there as aforesaid. That he served during the said term under the said Colonel, Captain, and Ensign and David Hitchcock Lieutenant.

That in the month of September in the 1777 he was detached from said Regiment and joined a scouting party under the command of Colonel Brown a Militia Colonel as he thinks. Said Scouting party crossed Lake George and then captured two companies of British soldiers and from there marched to the French lines as it was called and took as prisoners two more companies of British and from there to Whitehall and from there to Pollet and that he was with said Scouting party under the command of said Colonel Brown sixteen days.

That in the month of October 1777 he was again detached to go to Saratoga to capture General Burgoine and arrived there the day before he surrendered. That he

went there under said Colonel Herrick and Captain Goodenough. That they staid there but a few days sand returned to Pollet aforesaid where he was stationed till discharged as aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence and that George Nelson and William Nelson are the only person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

That he was born in the Town of Brimfield in the County of now Hampden in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1757.

That he has record of his age.

That he resided in Whitingham aforesaid when called into service as aforesaid and since the Revolutionary War he has resided Whitingham aforesaid and Brimfield aforesaid, also Hubbard too in the State of Vermont and Attica aforesaid where he now lives.

That the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Moulton Farnham and Alpha Goodrich.,

That he is not acquainted with any clergyman in his neighbourhood who can testify to his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution or of his character for veracity.

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 Nelson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Isaac Wilson, first Judge of Genesee County.