

Pension Application for Benjamin Race

S.15202

State of New York

Columbia County

City of Hudson SS.

On this tenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in Open Court before the Justice of the Justices Court in & for the City of Hudson now sitting it being a Court of Record having a clerk & seal— Benjamin Race a resident of the Town of Copeck in the County of Columbia and State of New York, aged eighty years last April 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 seventh one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United Sates under the following officers & served as herein stated.

First in the spring of seventeen hundred and seventy five—there was an alarm that the enemy were about to make an attack upon the City of Schenectady and while deponent resided in what was then called the Town of Livingston's Maner [Manor], the malitia [militia] were called out, and deponent entered the company commanded by Capt. Leonard Kline as a private this company was in the Regiment commanded by Col. Livingston Samuel Tenbrock was Major and Robert VanRensselaer General, deponent marched with the company of Capt. Kline to Schenectady.

While there the Indians made their appearance at Duanesbush [Duanesburg] and deponent was one who were ordered to that place to repel [repel] them. Deponent remained at Duanesbush and Schenectady about two months the company was then discharged and returned home—in the year seventeen hundred seventy six deponent again volunteered and marched in the company commanded by Capt. Kline to half moonpoint [Half Moon Point] & Stillwater, remained at those two places three months, this year, the next spring 1777 early in [March?] according to his best recollection he volunteered in the company of Capt Kline and by him was appointed a corporal of said company marched to Albany & from there to Fort Edward remained there and at Lake George three months, then returned home with the company five days there was an alarm and Captain Kline's Company again volunteered and deponent again entered his company as a Corporal and marched to Fort Edward and from thence to Bennington served there four days after the battle between the British troops under Col. Brown and the Americans under Gen Starke from Bennington.

Deponent marched with the American troops to Fort Edward deponent was discharged at Fort Edward and returned home it was late in the fall before he got home this last tower [tour] deponent says he was out all of five months making the whole time deponent was out the year eight months.

Deponent says he was at Fort Edward when Burgoyne surrendered.

Deponent further says that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six in the fall of the year he marched as a private in the company commanded by Capt. Elliott to Fishkill remained there about two months. While there helped to build the

barracks deponent says during the war he was out many different times after the Tories recollects of being out with Capt Elliott at one time two weeks this was at the time Capt. Coons was robbed [robbed] at another time he was out with Capt. Robertson three or four weeks.

In answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the court deponent answering says he was born in April seventeen hundred & fifty two in the town of Livingston's Manor now town of Ancram in said County of Columbia and state of New York. Deponent has no record of his age that he can now find.

Deponent resided when he was called into service in said town of Livingston Manor now called Copeck in said County of Columbia and state aforesaid, which is the adjoining town to Ancram and with one or two miles of where deponent was born and where he has ever since lived and where he now lives.

Deponent also says he entered the service as a volunteer. Never went as a substitute for any person.

Deponent cannot now recollect the names of any of the regular officers. VanRensselaer was the General. Livingston was the Colonel [Colonel] and Samuel Tenbrouch was the Major [Major]

Deponent has now no recollection of ever having any written discharge. Deponent never had a commission. Deponent is acquainted with John A. Decker Adam Fritts, Cornelius William who are his neighbors – and he thinks they will certify as to deponent's character for truth & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

And this deponent further declares that he knows of no living witness of his said service except Willhelmas Turner, who went with witness Capt. Kline's Company in the year 1777 when Borgoine was taken and Andrus A. Race who was with deponent at Fishkill about two months and at the north Half Moon Point & Stillwater.

Deponent has no documentary testimony.

That he hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension or annuity except the present deponent's name is not on the pension roll [roll] of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Race.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Hiram Wilbur, Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 19, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.15202 it appears that Benjamin Race was born in April 1752 in Livingston's Manor, the part which was later Ancram, Columbia County, New York.

While a resident of Livingston's Manor, the part which was later Copake, Columbia County, New York, he enlisted in May 1775 and served two months as private in Captain Kline's Company, Colonel Livingston's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in June 1776, served three months as private in Captain Kline's New York Company and about October 1, 1776 enlisted and served two months in said Company.

He enlisted in March 1777, served three months as corporal in Captain Kline's New York Company, and the last of June 1777 enlisted and served five months as corporal in said company. He also served a tour of two weeks in Captain Elliott's New York Company, and a tour of three or four weeks in Captain Robertson's New York Company, the dates not given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 10, 1832 while a resident of Copake, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.