

Pension Application for Benjamin Rider

S.9082

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of March 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 for said County, having by Law a Clerk and a Seal, Benjamin Rider, a resident of the town of Rochester in said County of Ulster & State of New York, aged seventy 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.

In the year 1776 in the month of July volunteered and enlisted for five months under Capt Kortright, Frederick Westbrook, first Lieutenant, [blank] Potter second Lieut, was ordered to Kingsbridge and was put on board of a sloop and went down Hudsons River by water to New York, was placed in the Regiment commanded by Col. Levi Paulding was our Brigade Major – was on duty in Gaurding the City of New York and the surrounding Country until the British took possession of New York—When we retreated to Kingsbridge, and from there to White Plains in Westchester County—was there when the Battle was fought—after this was marched to Fort Constitution and was there discharged between Christmas and New York in said year after serving out said term of five months—saw Genl Washington and Putnam frequently in this Campaign—served as a private.

In the year 1777 said applicant was drafted for four months under Cap. John Hasbrouck, and was ordered and marched to Fort Montgomery on Hudsons River and was attached to the Regiment of Col. Levi Pawling—McClaughry was Lieut Col. [blank] Logan Major—went by land through Orange County—while there was under the command of Genl James Clinton we laid at Fort Clinton, and was engaged in scouting out, and keeping guard—knew Col. Bruyn, there who as afterwards taken prisoner when the Fort was taken; knew Col. DuBois and Genl James Clinton—enlisted some time in April, and was discharged at said Fort Clinton in August in said year after serving out said Term of Four Months—served as a private.

In the same year (viz 1777) when said applicant returned from Fort Montgomery – the Regiment of Col. Hornsbeck to which he belonged was ordered to the north to stop the progress of Genl Burgoyne, said applicant served at the said time as a private in a company commanded by Capt. Derick Westbrook marched by land through to Catskill, Coxsackie, Albany to Stillwater, was there when the battle was fought at the last mentioned place; our regiment was ordered to the Battle Ground, when we came there the British had fallen back—served twenty one days in this campaign and was then discharged; came back to Kingston a few days before it was burnt which was on the 15 October.

In the year 1778 said applicant enlisted and served as a volunteer for seven months on the frontiers at Shandaken in said County of Ulster, under Capt. Henry Pawling, Henry VanHoevenbergh first lieut. John VanDeusen second Lieut. Albert Pawling Col. This place was very much harassed by the Indians, and Tories, and great outrages and cruelties were committed by them—was obliged to scout about in great danger every day—scouted out as far as Paghkatachkan in Delaware County where we were unexpectedly attacked by the Indians in the wilderness—had a battle with them in which my brother Johannis was killed in the same company with me, was discharged at Shandaken aforesaid after the expiration of said term.

Enlisted in this service some time in April and was discharged in November following in said year 1778—served as a private.

In the year 1779 early in the Spring (according to my best recollection in the months of March and April) The said applicant did voluntarily serve as a private for one month at Luerent Kill, under Charles Brodhead Capt. Frederick Westbrook Lieut—this was also on the frontiers in order to prevent the incursions of the Indians and Tories—this service was performed when Col. Cortlandt's Regiment was at Wawarsink—enlisted for one month, served the same and was then discharged at said place.

In the same year in the summer (said applicant believes in the month of June) he the said applicant volunteered and enlisted for one month and served said term at Saghawack in the Town of Wawarsing on the frontiers under Capt Andries Bevier; laid in a Fort at said place, land scouted out daily along the said frontiers—was discharged at Saghawack aforesaid after serving said term of one month served as private in this campaign.

In the said year 1779 in the month of September or October said applicant volunteered and enlisted for the term of two months under Derick Westbrook Capt & Petrus Smith Ensign, and did serve said term as a private on the Frontiers at [?] in the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster—We were stationed at the house of Conrad Dubois & Tories, and were discharged at said place late in the fall after serving out said term of two months.

Said applicant would farther state that he has served on said frontier (besides the above services) very frequently at short periods on alarms and scouting parties which he is not now able to particularize—

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the Court as prescribed by the War Department, said applicant on his oath state:

1st That he was born on the second day of March 1760 at Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York.

2nd that his age is recorded in the Baptismal Records of the Reformed Dutch Church at Rochester aforesaid.

3^d That he was living at Rochester aforesaid when called into service—has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War and still lives in said town.

4th That he entered the service at the several times within mentioned as is within stated.

5th that he cannot now recollect the names of any other regular officers, or continental or militia regiments, or any toher circumstances of said several services than what he has within stated.

6th That he never received any other than a Verbal discharge.

7th He would state the names of David Hoornbeck and John Deprey in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Rider.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and rear aforesaid. A. D. Soper, First Judge. John A. Deyo. Abram Hardenbergh, Judges.