

Pension Application for Bezaleel Rudd

S.10001

State of New York.

Dutchess County SS.

On the twenty fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Stephen Thorn one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County Bezaleel Rudd a resident of the town of Northeast in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged eighty one 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 the 7th June 1832.

That this Deponent was born on the twenty fourth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty one—and at the time of the commencement of the revolutionary war he resided in the town of Amenia in the County of Dutchess and state of New York and that in the first part of the month of August in the year 1775 (the particular day of the said month of August this deponent is unable to state having kept no memorandum of the same but he believes it was after the first and before the tenth day of said month) this Deponent received orders to enlist troops for five months to serve in the invasion of Canada which said orders were received from Captain WAait Hopkins of Coll. Seth Warner's Regiment (afterwards called the Green Mountain Boys) and by the said orders this deponent was promised the appointment of orderly Serjeant in said Captain Wait Hopkins Company.

This deponent immediately enlisted in nine men and in ten days after receiving said orders I joined Capt. Wait Hopkins Company in the town of Bennington in the State of Vermont. The said Company and this deponent then marched to Skeensboroug on Lake Champlain where they joined Col. Seth Warner and part of his regiment, they then proceeded to Ticonderoga where they joined some another companies and the Regiment became complete.

The Regiment there proceeded with the army commanded by General Montgomery into Canada and arrived at St. Johns on the thirteenth September 1775—Col. Seth Warner Regiment with this deponent were engaged in the actions and skirmishes about St. Johns untill it surrendered to The American Army—the regiment was then ordered to Laprairie when this deponent received his warrant as orderly serjeant in Captain Wait Hopkins Company from Col Seth Warners—and at that place and at length not far from Montreal this deponent and the Regiment to which he belonged were engaged in many skirmishes and actions with the British and Indians, in one of which Captain Wait Hopkins was seventy wounded in the arm—the Regiment to which this deponent belonged as aforesaid remained in the places above named untill Montreal was evacuated by the British troops and taken possession of by Genl Montgomeries [Montgomery's] Army—this deponent and Captain Wait Hopkins Company remained in Montreal untill the term of their enlistment had expired—when they were ordered to return home.

This deponent further says that during this campaign he acted occasionally as adjutant of the Regiment and that after the Captain Hopkins was wounded as aforesaid he did the duty of Lieutenant in said Company until the same was disbanded that for the term of at least two months after deponents return to Amenia Dutchess County as aforesaid he joined the Militia in the neighborhood and was soon after appointed, a Lieutenant in the Company of Captain Mead in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Roswell Hopkins he served in the Militia with the rank of Lieutenant during the war at first under Captain Mead as aforesaid and subsequently under Captain Daniel Shepperd the said Regiment being commanded during the whole time by the said Col. Roswell Hopkins.

This deponent was repeatedly called out into service during the ar while he held the office of Lieutenant in the said Regiment of Militia as aforesaid—during the year 1776 this deponent and the Company to which he belonged were ordered and marched to the Highlands south of Fishkill several times; this deponent on one of these occasions had the charge or command of the company to which belonged on the other two occasions he was commanded by his superior officers above named the place of rendezvous in all cases was at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess the time that this deponent was employed in the service as af'd during the year was not less than six weeks.

In the year 1777 this deponent with the company to which he belonged were ordered out several times to disperse afore [?] of Tories in said County and also were marched to Rhinebeck when the English troops burnt Kingston in Ulster County this Deponent was in service as af'd during this season at least one month.

This Deponent further says that he was ordered and did take command of an escort to conduct seventy British prisoners and about two hundred Tories from the County of Dutchess on their way to Exeter in the state of Newhampshire and did command there until they arrived at Hartford in the state of Connecticut—the year in which this last service was performed this deponent does not recollect and he supposes he was absent on duty at that time about two weeks this deponent further saith that he is onto conscious of any material loss of memory by reason of old age but that from the great lapse of time since the service above mentioned have been performed a period of nearly sixty years he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades—for three months I served as orderly Serjeant in the Company of Capt Wait Hopkins in the Regiment commanded by Col. Seth Warner In the northern campaign of 1775, and for two months I served as Lieutenant under the same officers in the same Campaign.

In the year 1776 I served six weeks in the Company of Capt. Mead in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Coll Roswell Hopkins as Lieutenant. In the year 1777 I served one month under the same officers and with the same rank—In the year 1776 or 1777 I served two weeks as Lieutenant in commanding the escort to Hartford as above stated.

This deponent further says that he has not preserved his warrant as Orderly Serjeant or his Commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid nor is there to his knowledge any person now living who served with him in Canada or in the Militia in this state and this Deponent further states that he is afflicted with a disease called the Gravel and is unable to attend the Sessions of his Courts of Record in Dutchess County without endangering his health & 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, and he further states that for the time during which the above mentioned services were performed he was not engaged in any civil pursuit, he also states that he has a record of his age in a family Bible formerly his Fathers, that he now resides in the town of Northeast in Dutchess County, where he has resided for more than thirty five years last past, and he refers to James Winchell, Martin Lawrence and the Hon'bl Ab'm Booker, member of Congress from this District to prove his character for veracity and also their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution. (Signed) Bezaleel Rudd

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 25th Day of December 1833. Stephen Thorn, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.