

Pension Application for Elijah Bacon

S.44568

State of New York

Steuben County SS

On this 3d day of June 1818 before me John Dow one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Steuben, in the State of New York, personally appears Elijah Bacon, aged 57 years, resident in the town of Reading, in the county aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Elijah Bacon, enlisted into the Continental service in the month of April in the year 1775, in the town of Patridgefield, in the State of Massachusetts, in the County of Berkshire in the company commanded by Capt Nathan Watkins, in Col Porter's Regt.

That immediately after he was enlisted, they were marched to Cambridge, where he officiated as a Fifer, until the 1st of January 1776 when he was discharged, and returned to Patridgefield.

That in the course of the same year, he again enlisted into the Continental service, in the company commanded by the same captain as before, Nathan Watkins, in Col. Patterson's Regt for twelve months—

That they were marched to Cambridge, near Boston, where they remained until the British left the town, when they marched into it. On leaving Boston, they were marched to Mount Independence, at which place he was discharged, on the first day of January 1777.

That in the same month he again enlisted into the same company, in Col. Brewer's Regt (John Patterson), of Lenox, Brigadier Genl) for the term of three years, or during the war.

That they were marched to Tyconderoga [Ticonderoga] – from that fled before Burgoyne's army to Stillwater, where they remained till after the capture of Burgoyne. That they were then marched to Albany, and from Albany to Valley Forge, and from the latter place to West Point, and was discharged in the month of March, in the year 1780, at Fishkill.

That he has now no further proof to furnish the War Department in his power, of his said services.

That he has never rec'd any pension from government, nor has any granted him, to his knowledge.

That he is now in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) Elijah Bacon.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. John Dow, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Steuben.

Letter in folder dated June 6, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.44568, that Elijah Bacon while a resident of Partridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts enlisted in April 1775, served as fifer in; Captain Nathan Watkins' Company, Colonel John Paterson's Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged January 1, 1776, re-enlisted in January 1778, served as fifer in captain Nathan Watkins' Company, Colonel Phinney's Massachusetts Regiment, was discharged January 1, 1777, re-enlisted January 1, 1777, served as fife major in Captain A. Williams' Company, Colonels Samuel Brewer's and Sprout's Massachusetts Regiment until December 31, 1779. He also served nine months under Colonel Putnam and three months under Captain Burbank, exact dates not stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 3, 1818 while a resident of Reading, Steuben County, New York. On June 21, 1820 he was aged fifty-nine years, two months and ten days, and then referred to his wife aged forty-nine years, a son Truman? Or Freeman? (not plainly written) aged seventeen years, a son Joseph aged fifteen years, and a daughter Ruthannah aged eleven years.

He died November 10, 1851, leaving children, their names and the name of his wife not given.

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