

Pension Application for Jonathan Bacon

S.12070

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in Johnstown now sitting Jonathan Bacon a resident of the town of Openheim [Oppenheim] County of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy three years old the thirtieth day of 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 7th 1832.

That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he resided in the Town of North Bridge County of Worcester & State of Massachusetts about the first of December 1776, when he entered the service as a volunteer in Captain David Bachelors Company under the command of Colonel Nathan Tyler.

That he marched from there to Providence where he remained a month & an half or thereabouts being on guard & building breast works most of the time when he returned home about the middle of January 1777.

That about the middle of April 1777, he again entered the service under the command of Captain Peter Pennyman, Lieutenant Philip Ammidon 2d Lieutenant Seth Thayre, that there were but two companies there they were formed into a Battalion which was commanded by the oldest Captain who was Isaac Martin.

That he gain marched to Providence where he performed the same duties as before. That he remained in service at this time about twenty two days when he again returned home it being about the 7th of May 1777./ That during both of these services he was under the command, while at Providence, of Major General Joseph Spencer one of the officers of the Line.

That eh resided at the same place when he entered the service about the 20th of June 1778, under the command of Captain Edward Seagraves, Lieutenant Samuel Amadon, 2d Lieutenant David Kelly & was attached to Colonel Nathaniel Wade's Regiment of state Troops.

That after he entered the service he marched again to Providence where he remained on guard until about the 12ath of July 1778, when he returned home. That during this time he was under the command of Major General John Sullivan an officer of the Line.

That he still resided at the same place in the first of October 1779, when he again entered the service at Worcester in Massachusetts under the command of Captain Thomas Marshal Baker, Lieutenant Elihu Stearsn, 2d Lieutenant Increase Thayre, under the command of Colonel Samuel Denny, Lieut, Colonel Butterick, Majors Hezekiah Broad, 2d Major Jonathan Champney. That he marched from there through Springfield, Great Barrington, to Albany.

That he remained there under Colonel Van Scaick [VanSchaick] commanding officer about two months & an half when about the middle of December 1779, as near as he can recollect he again returned home.

That he resided in the same place about the 12th of July 1780 when he again entered the service at Rexbridge Worcester County State of Massachusetts under the command of Captain Benjamin Reed, Lieutenant Robert Taft, 2d Lieutenant David Kelly under the command of Colonel Rand, Lieutenant Colonel Wheelock, Major Benjamin Farrar. That he marched from there through Enfield, Sheffield, Claverick & down the North River to FishKill & from there to West Point—where he remained a few days & then returned as a detached guard to FishKill and that he remained there until about the middle of October 1780 under the command of different officers of the Line the first being Colonel Lamb, Major General Arnold who run away, General St. Clair, General MacDougle & lastly General green;, when he again returned home.

That he was in the service in all as near as he can recollect about eight months & an half.

That he has not to his knowledge any documentary evidence of his services. That he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. That 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.

On being interrogated by the court according to law, he says that (1) he was born on the 30th day of April 1759 at Rexbridge in the County of Worcester & State of Massachusetts-(2) That he has no record of his age (3) That he resided in North Bridge County of Worcester & State of Massachusetts when he went into service. That he has resided in North Bridge, Ward & Grunfield all in Massachusetts, also in Openheim in the County of Montgomery & State of New York where he now resides (4) That he went into the service as a volunteer (5) That besides those officers which he has already mentioned he mentions Colonel Shepherd, Colonel smith, Major Peters, Major Simeon Thayre, Colonel Bigalow, Colonel Rufus Putnam (6) That he never received any discharge (7) That he is known in the neighborhood by John J. Failing, Jacob Failing & that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood. (Signed) Jonathan Bacon

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo D. Ferguson Clerk