

## Pension Application for Daniel Bailey

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State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this fourth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Orange aforesaid, Daniel Bailey (a resident) of the town of Walkill in the county aforesaid, aged seventy five years who being 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.

At Jamaica enlisted in May or first of June 1776, for five months in Captain Jacob Wright's company of Grenadiers, Lieutenant Benjamin Hicks, Ensign Gabriel North. In Colonel John Lasher's battalion of New York infantry, Lieutenant Colonel, Stockholm, Major Nicholas Fisk. In Gen' Scott's brigade went to New York, was there with his battalion, till the British landed on Long Island and assisted in the erection of fortification on Long Island; retreated by command of Genl Washington from Brooklyn to the City of New York; thence to Kings-bridge thence to White Plains; was present at the battle there, thence to Peekskill, thence across Hudson River to Haverstraw, and was there discharged in the latter part of October or beginning of November. Received a written discharge which he has lost. Was at the time of his enlistment aforesaid, an inhabitant of Jamaica, where his father resided. After his discharge aforesaid went to Goshen in the County of Orange aforesaid, in the neighborhood of which from that time till the present has always resided.

In the latter part of November 1776 became a substitute for Samuel Bailey of Chester in said County of Orange in Captain Sawyers company of Militia, Lieut't Peter Gale; thinks the ensign was James Butler. In Colo'l Ellisons' regiment of Orange County aforesaid, Lt. Col'l, Benjamin Thurston; Major Moses Hatfield. Went in said regiment of militia to Tappan; was there stationed six weeks to watch the movements of the British, who were on the opposite side of Hudson's River in West Chester, and had troops also stationed at Hackensack. While at Tappan the British troops left Hackensack, and deponent was on e of sixty or seventy men under Lieut. Peter Gale who went at night from Tappan to Hackensack, broke open a public storehouse of the British, and bought next morning twenty one hogsheads of [?] into camp at Tappan; was discharged at Tappan after having been in Colo'l Ellisons' regiment six weeks. I immediately volunteered in a regiment of New Jersey Militia; don't remember names of company or regimental officers. They were all Dutch. In January 1777, marched through New Jersey by command of Gen'l Washington, whose army was then dispersed over the Jerseys, beyond Princeton to Millstone; was dismissed after six weeks service, and returned to Goshen in said county of Orange in service and returned to Goshen in said county of Orange in the latter part of February 1777.

In July 1777 was drafted in New York Militia and served under Captain David Sweezy in Colo'l Ellison's regiment of New York militia, for two or three weeks, in the highlands of the Hudson, at building forts Clinton and Montgomery. Was in the autumn of same year 1777 drafted in the New York militia, served under Col'l Ellison of Goshen; Orange County aforesaid, nine or ten days at Fort Clinton previous to the taking of forts Clinton and Montgomery. Was in a scouting party of twenty eight men under two officers, one of whom was Lieut't Tryon, name and rank of other both forgotten, at Doodletown about two and a half miles below Fort Montgomery, where the party were fired upon by the British, and retreated to Fort Clinton, where Gen'l James Clinton had the command, Governor George Clinton being at this time at Fort Montgomery. Colo'l Ellison was taken prisoner in Fort Clinton, where he had a son killed.

Deponent escaped from Fort Clinton and slept the night after the battle on the side of the mountain about a mile from the fort; next morning saw the British parading on the American parade

ground, crossed the mountain to Smith's Clove, thence went to New Windsor there joined straggling parties of soldiers and officers, from Fort Montgomery and Clinton.

Went thence to Old Jack Graham's in Shawangunk Ulster County in the State of New York aforesaid. Sixty or seventy men had collected together there and slept that night in old Jack's barn; next morning heard the news of Burgoyne's defeat; thence went to Kingston.

Lieut't Israel Wells, Major John Woodward and Captain Sweezy were of the party. When they came to Kingston, it was still burning of the fire kindled by the British under Vaughan. A day or two afterwards, deponent was one of the guard who conducted the spy Taylor to an apple tree to be hanged. Stayed at Kingston till British returned down Hudson's river upon hearing of the defeat of Burgoyne; as dismissed at Kingston by Capt. Sweezy.

Before harvest in the summer of 1778 deponent was drafted as a militia man from Orange County aforesaid, and served under Captain Sawyer about three at West Point; was engaged during that time, in erecting the fort; does not remember the names of the officer in command of West Point at that time. In the autumn of same year was drafted as a militia man in the militia of Orange County aforesaid and served under Lieut. Nottingham six weeks at Fort Naponagh in Ulster County in guarding it against the Indians.

In 1779 deponent was two or three times in the summer at Peenpack, being drafted in the Orange County Militia aforesaid to guard the frontiers against the Indians; Captain Sweezy was once or twice his captain; was out altogether 3 months at least in service this year. After this until the close of the war, deponent served in the militia as a private, being drafted and sometimes a substitute in the New York militia, from six weeks to three months in each year, at the forts in the Highlands in the Hudson, and on the frontiers of Ulster and Orange Counties aforesaid, under various officers, names forgotten, and the persons for whom he was substitute not remember. Deponent never received when dismissed from militia service a written discharge during the Revolutionary War, and to the best of his recollection believes it was not then the practice to give militiamen written discharges.

Deponent was born at Jamaica on the fifth day of September 1757 has a record of his age at home in his Bible; has no documentary evidence of his service, knows of no persons living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service except Lawrence Cortwright of the town of Walkill aforesaid and Captain David Sweezy of the County of Orange aforesaid and who can testify to but a small part of it, and 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. (Signed Daniel Bailey)

Subscribed and sworn the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832. Asa Dunning, Clerk