

Pension Application for James Bailey

No. 44572 and S.28246. Rev. War and 1812.

To the Hon. John C. Calhoun Secretary of the Department of the War of the United States.

The Petition & declaration of James Bailey of the Town of Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego & State of New York aged sixty two years & upwards on oath setteth forth & declares that in the month of March or April 1781 he enlisted as a private as captain William Mills Company in Col. John Brooks Regiment of Continental Troops of the Massachusetts line, which was called the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment & was in General Glovers Brigade.

And the said James further on oath declares that he continued to serve in said Regiment and in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment until the close of the War of the Revolution & after; and the said James further on oath declares that in the month of December 1783 according to his best recollection & belief he was discharged at a place called Deansburgh, a few miles below West Point in the State of New York. His discharge was an honourable one he will recollect but the same is now lost.

The said James further on oath declares that he served against the Common Enemy at the Battles of White Plains, & Monmouth & was in several skirmishes near Kingsbridge.

And that he is now entirely destitute of any kind of property & has no means whatever of support except by the labour of his own hands. And that by reason of his very reduced circumstances he is absolutely in need of assistance from the country for support.

And that he does not know that he can now produce any other proof of the time he served as aforesaid than his own oath except his Colonel who is now Governor Massachusetts would recollect him.

And the said James further on oath declares that he was a soldier in the late war with Great Britain in the 23d Regt & received a wound in the Battle of Bridgewater, for which he is not on the pension list at Three dollars & seventy five cents per month which he is willing to relinquish provided he can be placed on the pension list under the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" at & after the rate of eight dollars per month.

And he further says that he is informed that by the act aforesaid it is in the power of the Hon Secretary of the War Department to place certain persons on the pension list at eight dollars per month & the said James prays that he may be placed on said list on releasing his present pension and in duty bound will ever pray. James Bailey

Sworn & Subscribed April 3d 1818 before me James S. Campbell one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego in State of New York.