

Pension Application for Timothy Bailey

W.15752 (Widow: Jane Houghtailing, daughter of Jacobus Houghtailing, born on Phillips Patent, NY State. Married spring 1776 at New Canaan by Mr. Rogers, Justice of the Peace.) Timothy died Oct. 18, 1834.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Cortland SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared before Hezekiah Reid Esq., on of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Chenango aforesaid, at Pitcher—in said county Timothy Bailey, a resident of the Town of Lincklaen in the County of Chenango and State of New York, aged seventy eight 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.—

That he was born at Hartford in the State of Connecticut in the year 1754; he knows of no record of his birth—that he is unable with any reasonable convenience, personally to attend court to make this declaration by reason of bodily infirmity—

That he voluntarily enlisted in May 1775, at Kinderhook in the State of New York where he then resided, for a term of five months, in the company of Capt. John Chadwick—on entering he and four or five others went to Bunker Hill as was agreed by his enlistment, and there joined his Capt. and Company—in Col. Brewer's Regiment—he forgets his other officers—he did duty about a fortnight and was taken sick with the camp distemper and put into the hospital in Roxbury and was there confined with said disorder and was there dismissed at the end of his five months—He sent home to Kinderhook for his father to come and fetch him home as he was unable to get home without.

That he again enlisted for five months at Green River in May 1776, and went immediately to New York and there joined Capt. Dewey's company—and Lieut. Evin Berman—and believes he joined or belonged to Col. Hopkins Regiment, but is not certain. He forgets his other officers named—He was stationed in the City of New York, and was there until the British came on to Long Island, and they flung bombs into the City—and when the British landed on York Island on East River, after the army of Gen. Washington left Brooklyn, he was on guard in the city, and Gen. Putnam was there riding from us up the North river & back, frequently, he at length came and told us when he came along with others of the guard to see who were at the north part of the City, that we must fall in with him—we did so and he led us up along the North river till we saw the enemy over on East river, and on seeing the light horse of the enemy approaching he told us to camp as fast as possible—we did so, ran into the woods and at length reached Harlem Heights—we were fired upon, but got away—That he remained afterwards at that place until his five months were out and he then was dismissed and went home—he thinks in October—saw Gen. Washington this tour often.

That he again entered Capt. Joseph Cook's Company in May 1777, joined his company at Newton in Col. Joshua Taylor's Regiment, in May he thinks, he then having removed to and living there—went with his regiment and joined Gen. Schuyler forces at Fort Edward—that he continued with his regiment and retreated under Gen. Schuyler to Saratoga and then to Stillwater and continued with his company & regiment until Burgoyne was taken—he was in the battle and was near Gen. Arnold when he jumped his horse over the enemy's breastwork & that he followed him. After the surrender of Burgoyne, his time being out, being five months again he was dismissed and went home—was dismissed at Stillwater.

That in May in 1780 he again joined Capt. Joseph Cook's Company and Col. Joshua Taylor's Regiment, being the same he was in the year 1777, and went from said Newtown his residence to Stin Robby [Stone Arabia] & staid there four months and from there went

to Johnstown and stayed there till his term was out, being gone in this tour nine months, being his longest tour—the duty this tour was guarding the frontiers—was dismissed at Johnstown. Had the small pox while at Johnstown.

That he again in 1781 the forepart of May went with the same company & Regiment & same officers, and went to Ballston and continued there guarding the county against the Tories and Indians for six successive months and then he went home—on his time being out & dismissed.

That he has no documentary proof of his services; that he knows of no person whom he can procure who can testify to the same.

That he never received any written discharge—

That he is known to Justices Parce and Caleb Burlingame in his present neighborhood, who can testify in regard to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services as a soldier in the revolution—

That after the said war he lived at Newtown for several years—then removed to Duanesbush and lived there a few years, then removed to Cherry Valley and resided a few more years—and from there to Lincklaen aforesaid, where he now resides and has resided for fourteen years he thinks.

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 with his mark) Timothy Bailey.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. He cannot write, owing to infirmity, his arm is almost useless. The Hon. Hezekiah Read, Judge Chenango Common Pleas.