

### Pension Application for Benoni Ballard

S.44597

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Benoni Ballard being duly sworn saith that on the first day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty he enlisted as a private soldier in the company of Captain Tiebout in the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick in the line of the State of New York in the Continental Army for during the war with Great Britain—and served as a soldier in the Company of Captain Tiebout in the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick in the line of the State of New York in the Continental Army for during the war with Great Britain and served as a soldier to the expiration of the war under said enlistment.

That he was employed most of the time from the period of said enlistment as one of General Schuyler's Guards & stationed at Saratoga with a body of soldiers to guard that frontier and never marched with the regiment from the time of his enlistment and from being with the regiment at the time of the discharge he never received a regular or written discharge from the army.

That said VanSchaick's Regiment lay at Saratoga at the time of his enlistment & when it was about to be marched away this deponent with many others from said regiment was retained at Saratoga & served as frontier guard & on scouting parties in the vicinity to the end of the war when he was dismissed from service by the commanding officers thereof. That while in that service he was under command of Col. McKinstry, a Colonel of Militia of the State of New York—afterwards of Major Scott of the New Hampshire line, afterwards of Colonel Olney, of the Rhode Island line, who having gone home to his family Captain John Holden had command at Saratoga at the close of the war when this deponent was discharged—that he is now aged fifty eight years in the month of January last & now resides in the Town of Onondaga in the County of Onondaga & from his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his country for support & further saith not. (Signed) Benoni Ballard

Sworn to & declared before me this eighth day of April in the year 1818. Joshua Forman. First Judge of Onond. Com. Pleas.