

Pension Application for Daniel Bates

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Mass, NJ, NY. Rejected, not having served on the Cont'l Establishment.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this 15th day of May 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas In and for the said County of Orange, personally appeared Daniel Bates aged sixty years, resident in the Town of Deer Park in the said County of Orange, who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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 that he the said Daniel Bates enlisted in the spring of the year 1778, in the Town of Pitsfield in the State of Massachusetts and march from thence to the White Plains in Westchester County in the state of New York and there joined the Brigade commanded by Gen. McDugal, and that he continued to seve [serve] in the said corps in the service of the United States until the end of the term for which he enlisted when he was discharged from service at Peaks-kill Hollow in the said County of Westchester, and this deponant further saith that he areceived a written discharge when he left the said service, which he has lost and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Daniel Bates

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. James Finch, Junr., Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

Daniel Bates, late a resident at Deer-Park on the borders of the township of Minisink, near the River Delaware, being reduced to a State of object Poverty, and conceiving himself entitled by Law to a Pension from Government, in consideration of his military services in the Revolutionary War, has lately come to this City in pursuit of the above mentioned object—The account he gives of himself is as follows.

That he was born in the township of Bethlehem, county of Hunterdon, and then Province of New Jersey, in the month of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven; that he was brought into this City when he was only four years of age, and continued to reside here fourteen years; the latter part of the time he served as an apprentice to the Shoemaking business under Garret Debow; and when the War broke out between this County and Great Britain, he enlisted as a private in Col. McDougall's first New York Regiment; he was in a company commanded by Marinus Willett Esqr, and accompanied him to Canada, that he served there several months under General Montgomery assisted in the capture of Fort St. John's and Montreal, and continued to serve in Canada until late in the month of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, when he marched down to Albany, with Col. Willett and was soon afterwards discharged from the service, being according to the best of his recollection, between nine and ten months from the time of his enlistment; that about in the month of May or June in the same year which he cannot ascertain precisely, he enlisted in Capt. Marseilles's Company and Col. VanDyck's Regiment, in which he continued only six months, at Fort George, at the head of Lake George; that from thence he went to the Town of Old Paltz in Ulster County where he again enlisted in a Company, commanded by Capt. Brodhead, with whom he marched to Stillwater, to join the Army there assembled; that they there fought a severe battle, in which General Arnold was wounded, and Genl Grazer of the British Army was slain.

This battle terminated General Burgoyne's Career, and was succeeded by the capture of the said General, and the forces under his command, that after this event, (the purpose for which he enlisted having been effected, and his time of service having expired) he repaired to the town of Pittsfield in the Sttate of Massachusetts, enlisted with Capt. Enoch Noble, land served under him nine months, after

which he proceeded to Pequannock, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, and listed as a private in Col. Shreeve's own company, he joined the regiment at Tappan, and marched from thence to West Point, where the Troops were quartered, that nothing very material happened while in this regiment, until he obtained his discharge from Col. Shreeve at Springfield, in the Spring of the year, One thousand, seven hundred and eighty, that he then retired from the Continental Service, but was several times afterwards called out to serve in the Militia of New Jersey, commanded by General Heard of Woodbridge. The War having terminated in the complete Establishment of the Liberties and Independence of his country, the said Daniel Bates traveled into the interior of the Country and soon after the war, effected a settlement in the Vicinity of the Cayuga and Seneca Lakes,--where he continued to reside for several years, until his declining State of health pointed out to him the necessity of removing to a more salutary Clime, that he then bid adieu to the Lake Country and took up his residence in the County of Ulster, in which and the County of Orange he has dwelt ever since; that he has made out to get a support by the labor of his hands, until very lately, when no employment could be had, and all his dependence was at an end. He is now upwards of Sixty three years of age, has had the great misfortune of losing an eye, and is crippled in one of his hands, so that by reason of his age and infirmities he is utterly disabled from doing anything further to maintain himself. In this forlorn state, he implores the Commiseration of those of his fellow citizens particularly whose duty it is to prevent him from perishing; either by granting him a pension adequate to afford him a decent support, provided his claim, thereto are justly founded, or by making some other provision for him whereby he may be rescued from the Jaws of Famine, and the serious distress, which must otherwise inevitably befall him in his advanced state of life, and totally helpless condition be hereby seasonably and effectually prevented.

New York December 26th 1820.

I Marinus Willett formerly a Colonel in the Continental service do hereby certify that the above named Samuel Bates was a soldier in my company in the early part of the Revolutionary War against Great Britain that he conducted himself well while under my command, and that his statement I believe to be correct, as to the time of his discharge, but the precise time of his enlistment I cannot ascertain, my papers respecting those transactions having long since been lost or destroyed but I suppose in [it] maybe known by referring to the muster rolls and pay rolls of the regiment, which were undoubtedly transmitted and lodged in the war office. I further certify that I find him honest in his declarations and that he has given me true answers to all the questions I have asked him. He appears to be very poor and needy and I believe him to be well deserving a petition as a faithful servant to his country's interest. (Signed) Marinus Willett.