Pension Application for Daniel Bean or Been

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I, Daniel Bean of the age of sixty two years, born in Kingston in the County of Rockingham, now dwelling in Salisbury in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire, testify & say that I enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Service in the month of August in the year 1775, with Lieutenant Alexander Brink in the company commanded by Capt. Benedict in the Second Battalion of the New York Regiment, commanded by Col. VanSchaick for six months, & served that period in the northern army commanded first by Gen. Schuyler & afterward by Genl. Montgomery.

I joined the Regiment at Albany, marched from thence to Ticonderoga, there to Canada, was present at the taking of St. Johns, Chamblee & Montreal, & then my time expired. I then enlisted again in the same company with Capt. Benedict for three months and went down to Quebec with Genl. Montgomery. I was present at the storming of Quebec, & near to the General when he was killed, I staid with the army all winter till May and then my time was out & I was then discharged by Capt. Benedict at Chamblee in Canada.

The January next after I was discharged by Capt. Benedict I enlisted in the service of the United States for three years with Capt. McCune in Col. Seth Warner's Regiment and joined the company at [Windser?] in the State of Vermont, then marched to [join] the Regiment at Ticonderoga.

I was with Col. Warner in the fight at Hubbardstown and the battle of Bennington, where I was taken prisoner by the enemy who kept me about two days & then I made my escape & joined my company & regiment again. I was present at the taking of Gen. Burgoyne, & in the Spring of 1778 we marched to Fort Edward, to look out on the frontier, where we lay all summer & the next winter, & in the spring of [1]779 we marched to Fort George at the Head of Lake George; in July 1779, I was out on a scouting party, the party were attacked by the Mohawk Indians, seven of our people were killed, I was wounded & I with six others were taken prisoner by the Indians, and carried to Montreal & delivered up to the English. I was then sent to Quebec where I remained a prisoner about two months & then made my escape, & came home thro the woods to Salisbury New Hampshire in October [1]779 where I understood that the Regiment of Col. Warner to which I belonged was broken up—I served in Capt. Benedict's Company in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment from August 1775 til May 1776 nine months.

I served as a private soldier in Capt. McCune's company in Col. Seth Warner's Regiment from January 1777 until July 1779 in the service of the United States besides the two months that I was a prisoner in Canada, after being taken the second time.

I am not infirm, destitute of property, and get a subsistence by daily labour—and by reason of reduced circumstances stand in need of assistance from my country for support. April 29, 1818. (Signed) Daniel Been.

State of New Hampshire, Hillsborough SS, appeared the above named Daniel Bean and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed is just and true—before me. Joshua Darling, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the first District of the County of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire.