

## **Pension Application for Consider Bement**

S.12131

Declaration of a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the MILITIA, to obtain a Pension under the Act of congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Erie County SS

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting at Buffalo, in said County, Consider Bement, a resident of Concord in the County of Erie and State of New York, aforesaid, aged 70 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 7, 1832.

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

That in the year 1779 he resided in Springfield Hampshire County in Massachusetts and there were orders to draft soldiers from the Militia. That he enlisted in order to make out the number of troops required, the last of March in the year 1779 under Captain Carpenter and served under him as a guard at Springfield Massachusetts the period of three months and was discharged & returned home.

This deponent does not know to what Regiment the Company belonged, that they were stationed as a guard as the Laboraboy, there were artificers or men employed at that place to make Cartridges as some Blacksmiths & Harness makers and that there were Arms Ammunition, Cannon and other military stores.

That there was a man by name of Bryant who had but one arm who had some command at that place, but he does not know who had the Chief Command.

That in the year 1780 he enlisted again to prevent a draft, in July, cannot tell the date but recollects it was during wheat harvest for three months and served under Captain Browning in Col. Murray's Regiment, enlisted in Springfield Massachusetts & marched to Westpoint and served the term of three months on the Hudson River at & near West Point and was discharged at Peekskill.

That Genl Washington's army were below at Tappan there was a Company of Artillery below at West Point but this deponent does not know who had the Chief Command that while he was in service Andrew was taken and Arnold deserted to the British, that he never received any written discharge and is unable to provide a witness to appear in Court. That since the revolution he has lived in Massachusetts and for thirty years past has lived in the State of New York.

Hew hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a Pension, or annuity, except he present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Consider Bement

Sworn and subscribed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832. Noah P. Sprague Clerk of Erie Com. Pleas.