

Pension Application for Adam Bellos or Bellis

S.955

State of New Jersey

Somerset County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey Adam Belles—who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and consequently loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service—but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below; and in the grade of a private—

In the summer of '76 in June he was drafted and marched to New York and served six weeks, under Capt. Verbrinke, Maj. & Col Wuick—being the superior officers—and was stationed at New York & Commission—watching the enemy—

In the fall of same year he served two months under the same officers at Bergen Heights watching the enemy.—

In Jan'y '77 at the time of the Princeton Battle he served one month at Millstone, under Capn — Benjm & Col. Quick being th superior officers—guarding the lines.

In the winter of '77 he served one month in Capn Peterson at Bergen—Maj Baird & Colonel Meddagh being the superior officers—watching the enemy—and in the spring of same year 1 month at [?] Jersey on the Delawan under Capn Peterson—Maj Baird and Col. Mcdagh—watching the enemy.—

In the summer & fall of '77 he served four tours of duty of a month each under Capn Staats—Maj. Baird and Col. Quick—and was stationed at Elizabethtown—Elizabethtown point and along the shore between that place and Amboy—guarding the shore and watching the enemy.

In 1778 he served two months, at Pompton guarding the tories, under Maj. Baird and Col. [Dugekinch?] But cannot recollect his captns name.

In the same year he served two monthly tours at Newark under Capn Staats, Maj. Levin of Maj. Baird and Col. [Dugekinch?]being the superior officers, watching the enemy—

In the summer of '78 he served two months under Capn. Staats, Col. Frelinghuysen and Gen' Heard—and stationed at Trenton, Maidenhead, Princeton & Freehold, watching the movement of the British Army under Sir H. Clinton—and during one of those tours was at the battle of Monmouth.

He served another tour of duty of one month in the summer of '77 at and near New Brunswick and Raritan Landing under Capn [?] Maj. Nevins & Col. vanDuyck being the superior officers.

In the year '79 he performed three tours of duty of a month each at Newark under Capn Staats—and three other tours under the same Capn at Elizabethtown of a month each—Col. Frehlingjyden being the superior officer & Maj Lime or Baird and for such service I claim a pension.
(Signed) Adam Bellis

Sworn & subscribed before me July 8th 1833. Wm B. Gaston.

Letter in file dated April 24, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.955, it appears that Adam Bellos was born in January, 1752, at Hillsboro, Somerset County, New Jersey.

While residing at said Hillsboro, he enlisted in January 1776, and served as a private at various times in the New Jersey Troops under Captains William Verbruyck, Staats, Baird, Peterson, Kershom, Colonels Abraham Quick, Frederick Frelinghuysen, Dychiack, Nelson, Middah and VanDyke. He was in the battle of Monmouth and served in all more than two years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 15, 1843, at which time he was living in Hillsboro, New Jersey. He died, December 18, 1841.

There are no data as to his family.

The Revolutionary War records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to any Adam Bollesflet.

The above named Adam Bellos is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau, and said records fails to afford any information in regard to any Wilhelm Belles, all spellings searched.