

Pension Application for James Benedict

R.742 (Widow: Sarah)

This woman was pensioned as the former widow of her first husband Christopher Hall Conn. and New York W.27521

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Montgomery County Ss.

On this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery in the State of New York now sitting James Benedict a resident of Broadalbin in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 and served as herein stated—

He enlisted about the middle of May in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight in Capt. Noble's Company of Infantry in Colonel Wood's regiment of Massachusetts State troops.—That at this time he resided in Lenox in the County of Berkshire in Massachusetts—After enlisting as aforesaid Capt. Noble's company was ordered to Fishkill in Dutchess County in New York and from thence to Peekskill, from whence a detachment, of whom the said Benedict was one, was sent to Haverstraw and thence to White Plains where they joined the Continental Army under Gen. Washington (1) and were attached to Gen. Nixon's (2) Brigade—About the first of September in the year last aforesaid the said Benedict went with the army from White Plains northward to Fredericksborough, Woodberry and Newtown in Connecticut and thence again to Peekskill where they went into winter quarters, and in the month of December of the same year as the said Benedict believes, he left the army, after having procured a substitute who served out the time of his enlistment—And the said Benedict further says that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine he resided in Pittstown now in Rensselaer County in the State of New York and was enrolled as one of the Militia of that state for about one year during which time he was called out into actual service at several different times, twice for half a month under Capt. Yates (3) and Col. John Van Rensselaer (4) by order of Governor George Clinton. And the said Benedict further says that on or about the first of July in the year seventeen hundred and eighty he went to the town of Adams in Massachusetts and enlisted a second time in the Massachusetts State troops, for six months—that he then proceeded to West Point, reported himself and joined the Continental Army then lying at Robinson's farms and was enrolled in a company then commanded by Lieutenant Simons or Simonds (5) in Col. Bigelow's (6) Regiment, Gen. Glover's (7) Brigade and Maj. Gen. Howe's (8) Division—that he was with the army in all its movements during that season—was at Orange-town when Major Andre was taken and mounted guard on the day he was executed—returned with the army to West Point and went into winter quarters where he remained till the first of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, when he received his discharge, which he soon after sent to Boston in order to receive his wages and which was never returned to him. And the said James Benedict further says that he is the identical James Benedict mentioned in the affidavit of Isaac Benedict here to annexed, which is the only evidence of his services now in his possession.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) James Benedict

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Aaron Seamans, Fones Cole

End Notes—James Benedict—R.742

1. General and Commander in Chief George Washington.
2. Brigadier General John Nixon of the Continental Army. He was appointed on August 9, 1776.
3. Captain Jacob Yates in Colonel Peter Yates' Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
4. Lieutenant Colonel John VanRensselaer of Colonel Yates' Regiment.
5. Lieutenant Daniel Simonds of the Fifteenth Massachusetts Continental Regiment.
6. Colonel Timothy Bigelow of the Fifteenth Massachusetts Continental Regiment.
7. Brigadier John Glover of the Continental Army.
8. Major General Robert Howe of the Continental Army.