

## Pension Application for Judah Benjamin

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State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this twenty first day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Madison in open court the said court being a court of record—(established as such by the laws of the State of New York) for the said County of Madison Judah Benjamin aged sixty five years resident in Hamilton in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz that on or about the fifteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight he enlisted near White Plains in the State of New York in the company of Cavalry commanded by Captain John Shather in the Regiment of Colonel Elisha Sheldon on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in said corps, until some time in the month of November in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine when he was discharged near the City of New York, and he further states that his original declaration bears date the eighteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred & eighteen & that his pension certificate is number fifteen thousand seven hundred and sixty two.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed—to wit. I occupy a log house built by me upon the highway in the town of Hamilton valued at. \$20.00

I own one cow valued at 12.00

3 young hogs 3.00

1 table 1.25

4 kitchen chairs 2.50

1 wooden chest 1.00

1 Foot wheel 1.00

1 axe 1.00

1 Pickaxe .75

1 hoe .50

5 feet iron drag chain .63

1 iron trammel .50

1 Bed[?] .31

1 Looking glass .37

1 fire shovel & pair of tongs .50

1 [?] kettle .75

1 Iron pot .75

1 bake pan 1.25

1 iron spider .37

1 iron skillet .25

2 augers .50

2 chisels .25

4 earthen plates .25

6 cups & saucers .25

1 pewter platter .50

1 [?] .44  
2 wooden casks 1.00  
4 knives & forks .35  
4 spoons .25  
2 earthen crocks .25  
2 milk pans .50  
2 wooden pails .54  
I owe Henry Water on book acct & note 40.00  
To David Rogers unsettled book acct. 6.75  
To Thomas Burl “ “ 8.00

I am by occupation a tanner & shoemaker & my ability to pursue the same is one fourth part that of an able bodied man.

And he further said that his family consists of his wife Joanna Benjamin aged sixty years who is a feeble & infirm woman. (Signed) Judah Benjamin.

Sworn to & declares on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1820 in open court. J.N.M. Hurd Clk

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On this eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred & nineteen, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison in the State of New York personally appeared Judah Benjamin aged sixty five years resident in Hamilton in said County, who being by me first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Revolutionary War” That he the said Judah Benjamin enlisted for the term of one year on the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & seventy six at Claremont in the State of New Hampshire in the Company of Captain Massey in the regiment of Colonel Reed in the New Hampshire line, that he was at the siege of Boston, afterwards in a battle of White Plains that he afterwards joined the Northern Army & was in a battle between Montreal & Quebec & he further saith that he was in the Battle of Stillwater & was at the capture of General Burgoyne, and he further saith that on the thirteenth day of July one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight he enlisted to serve during the war in a company of Light Dragoons Commanded by Captain John Shather in Colonel Elisha Sheledons, Regiment, that this enlistment took place at White Plains, & he further states that he continued to serve in the said regiment upon the Continental Establishment until the twenty fifth day of September. [?] that the within named [?] one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine when he was honorably discharged at Litchfield – in the State of Connecticut & he further states that the discharge he received at the time above mentioned & was burnt in the house of [???] in the year 1804 at Geneseo in the County of Ontario & State of New York. He further says that he is in reduced & indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services except the War Department. He further states that he made a similar declaration on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 before George Scott Esquire then being an associate Judge of the County of Bradford in the State of Pennsylvania. (Signed) Judah Benjamin

Sworn to & Declared before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1819. Samuel Payne a Judge of Madison Com. Pleas.