

Pension Application for Ephraim Bennitt or Bennett

S.23120

Private, Captain McCambly, Col. Hathorn

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the fifth day of March 1833. Present the Hon. Grant B. Baldwin Esquire First Judge. Joseph L. Darling, Elijah Shoemaker, Darius Bently, esquires, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this seventh day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid being a court of record because made so by the Constitution and laws of the state having by law a clerk and seal, now sitting, Ephraim Bennitt a resident of the Town of Veteran in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years the first day of May last 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 7th 1832; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served and fulfilled as herein stated.

He declares that on the first day of September 1777 he volunteered and was mustered in the company of Capt. McCambly in the Regiment of Col. Hathorn in the County of Orange in the State of New York. We were marchd to the Hudson River and stationed at Fort Montgomery for a short time then were marched over Sterling Mountain into the State of New Jersey and were quartered at a place call'd Hackinsack and on the first of December were march'd home and dismiss'd having performed three months service in this campaign.

And he further declares that on the first of May 1778 in pursuance of orders from the same Col. Hathorn to the same company he volunteered for an expedition under the same Capt McCambly before named and was marched on to what was call'd the Minisink Country on the Delaware River against the Indians; we were employed for some time in scouting parties and were march'd home and dismissed on the first of July having performed two months service in this campaign.

And he further declares that on the first of July 1779 he was again ordered out by the same Col Hathorn and Capt. McCambly before named and were marchd on to the Hudson River and in the neighborhood of Stoney Point and was employed with the rest of the Company to guard some prisoners who had been taken until they could be further disposed of; we then received orders and were marchd on to the Delaware River but our company did not arrive in time to be in the engagement with the Indians in which Col Hathorn was defeated. We were marchd home and dismissed the first of September having served two months in this expedition. at this time our company or such of them who would volunteer for the purpose formed themselves into a class pursuant to the military regulations then in force and he this declarant entered into the measure and joined the class for the more effective readiness and prosecution of the service and continued therein and performed his regular proportion of the service for four years that is from the first of September 1779 to the first of September 1783; and he further declares that he then at the close of the war received a certificate entitling him to a class right of sixty acres of Land which he sold within a year or two afterwards to a man by the name of David Burt then living in the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange but now deceased.

That during his service in this class he was under General Hathorn and Capt.

McCambly before name; and that during the said four years he was so classed as aforesaid he was in actual service one fourth of the time at least or one year making one year and seven months service in the whole for which he claims a pension.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said services neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to them. And in answer to the several Interrogatories put to him by the Court he says:

That he was born in the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange in the State of New York on the first day of May 1762.

That he has a record of his age in his possession which he received from his parents and which he supposes to be correct.

That when he first entered the service he lived in the wont of Warwick aforesaid the place of his nativity. After the close of the war he continued to live there a few years then lived five years in North Cumberland County in the State of Pennsylvania; then lived at his present residence thirty two years.

That in all his service as aforesaid he was a volunteer.

That Gen. Hathorn, Col. Henry Wisner, Col. Odell and Gen. Wayne were with the troops where he served and he was well acquainted with most of them.

That he never received any written discharge; he was verbally dismissed at the expiration of each tour.

That he would refer to Col. George Coryell, Joseph L. Darling Esquire, Thomas Mills Esquire, and Elijah Seaton Esquire who are well acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration.

That 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. (Signed) Ephraim Bennitt

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Green M. Tuthill, Clk.