

Pension Application for George Bentley

S.45263

State of New York
Saratoga County SS.

On the eighth day of April in the year 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Saratoga personally appeared George Bentley aged sixty years resident in the Town of Greenfield in the county of Saratoga and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law maketh oath in the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War".

That early in the spring of the year 1776 he the said George Bentley enlisted at Beekman's Town in the County of Dutchess and State of New York, a private soldier for nine months into the company commanded by Captain John Darling of Colonel Humphrey's regiment of the New York troops and that he served his said nine months in the said Company at Fort Montgomery in building that Fort.

That in the year 1777 he served as a private in Captain Knox' Company Colonel Birdsall regiment of the Militia of the said state for nine months or upwards in defending the inhabitants from the excursions of the enemy.

That in the beginning of the year 1778 the Militia of said County of Dutchess were classed for the purpose of raising men to fill up the Continental regiments of the State of New York. When he the said George turned out for a class in the said Town of Beekman's for during the war. And that early in the spring of the same year he joined Colonel Cortland Regiment at Valley Forge and he thinks was put into a company under the command of one Smith.

That he served until the 9th day of June of the same year when he was discharged by Colonel Cortland on the account of his being taken with convulsion fits and that the discharge herewith enclosed is the discharge & this [?] of the said Colonel.

That after he returned home by virtue of the said discharge, he got better of his fits and Colonel Vandenburg of the Militia Coll, upon him the said George to fulfill his engagement to the said class and he was put to service in guarding the Continental Stores at the said Beekman Town, where he the said George was kept in service until the close of the Revolutionary War, being the space of 3 or 4 years.

That he was in the Battle of the White Plains and one man Philadelphia the name of the place forgotten. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of the country for support, and that he has now no further evidence in his power of the said services except as follows. (Signed with his mark) George Bentley.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. Salmon Child

Schedule (dated August 29, 1821).

The following is a schedule of all my Estate, Real Estate I have none.

Personal property I(my necessary clothing and bedding excepted).

One cow 17 years old. \$12.00

One heifer 40 of 2 shoats 4 of 12 fowls 12 of \$11

One hoe of 1 tea kettle 3 of 1 kettle 2 of 1 pail of \$1

6 chairs 2 of, 1 table 4 of 2 chests 8 of -1 wash tub 2 of \$4

6 knives & 4 forks 4 of ten cups saucers & Plates 4 \$1

Shovel & tongs 4 of, 4 bowls 2 of 4 spoons of sugar bowls with 1 [?] which I carved in Revolutionary War \$6

\$36.

(Signed with his mark) George Bentley

Sworn & Subscribed to in open Court the 29 August 1821. Thomas Palmer, Clerk

Letter in file dated January 6, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.45263 it appears in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.45263 it appears that George Bentley while a resident of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York enlisted early in the spring of 1776 and served nine months as a private in Captain James Rosekrans Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York Regiment. He was in the battle of White Plains and in one near Philadelphia the name of which is not stated.

He enlisted in 1777 and served as a private nine months in Captain Knox's Company, Colonel Birdsall's New York Regiment.

He enlisted early in the spring of 1778, served as a private in Captain Smith's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York Regiment and was discharged June 9, 1778.

Some time after, he was ordered out by Colonel Vanderburgh and served on garrison duty at Beekman, New York until the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1818 while a resident of Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York.

In 1821 he was aged sixty-three years and referred to his wife Betsey aged sixty years. There is no further data on file as to his family.