

Pension Application for Elias Bevier

R.816

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Broome County SS.

On this 30th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Elias Bevier a resident of Conklin in the County of Broome and State of New York, aged 79 years, who begin 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. Viz.

That he entered the service of the United States near the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and as he thinks in the year 1775 at New Paltz Ulster County N.Y. where he then lived in a company of militia under Capt. Jacob Hasbrouck and that he served in this company in frequent excursions on the western frontier until the year 1777 when he was detached under Capt. Hardenburgh, of Col. John Cantine's Regiment to go to the North as it was then understood that Gen. Burgoyne was advancing into the interior of the state—he marched to Albany and from thence to Half Moon and was in the vicinity of the latter place a short time and returned, having been absent with Hardenburgh three or four weeks—he was also detached to convey the baggage of Burgoyne's Army (after his surrender) from New Windsor on the Hudson River to Sussex Court House New Jersey—afterward under Capt. Deyo in the same Regiment, was called out by orders of Col. Pawling and Cantine to drive the Indians back and at one time followed on their trail two days into the forest, these excursions were frequent under Capt. Deyo & continued with few interruptions until the close of the war. Genl James Clinton commanded the militia at this time, and the applicant believes that Sullivan afterwards commanded before he (the applicant) was discharged from service—

On the representation of Capt. Deyo to Genl. Clinton that the applicant had a mother & sisters to provide for he was discharged by verbal direction s& returned home.

There is no one known to him by whom these services can be proved—The applicant was born on the 28th March 1753 at New Paltz, Ulster Col., N. York as appears by the entry made in his Bible being the only record he has—he lived at N. Paltz until about the year 1816 when he removed to Chenango Broome Co. N. York thence to Conklin, in the same County where he now resides.

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) Elias Bevier

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. B. Marvin, Clerk.

Letter in file dated July 11, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R. 816, it appears that Elias Bevier was born March 28, 1753 in New Paltz, Ulster County, New York. He was a Dutchman.

While a resident of Conklin, Broome County, New York he applied for pension August 30, 1832 and stated that while a resident of New Paltz, New York he enlisted in 1775 and served at various times on short tours in the New York Troops as private and corporal, mostly against the Indians on the frontiers, until in 1779, under Captains Jacob Hasbrouck, Hardenburgh, and Abraham Deyo, and Colonels Cantine and Pawling.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of six months actual military service as required by the pension laws.

In 1816 he moved to Chenango, Broome County, New York thence to said Conklin. It is not stated whether he was ever married.

The above noted is the only soldier named Elias Bevier found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau, and said records fail to afford any information in regard to Abraham Bevier.