

Pension Application for Simon Bevier

R.817 (Widow: Elizabeth)
State of Pennsylvania
Sixth Judicial District
Warren County SS.

On this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of said county before the Hon. Henry Shiffer, [?] and his associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid now sitting Simon Bevier a resident of Deerfield township in the County of Warren and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his solemn 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 as a private under Captain Abraham Deyo in the month of September 1776 attached to Col. Levi Paulding's Regiment at Kingsbridge about fourteen miles from New York in the State of New York volunteered for four months. We marched from Kingsbridge to [?] where we had a battle with the British troops—we remained there some time, something like two weeks when we retreated to White Plains when I was taken sick and in consequence of which was permitted to return home, having been out a period which I cannot from old age and loss of memory state precisely but it was out less than two months.

That he had a written discharge at this time but did not procure it. That he next entered the service as a private at the town of Rochester in Ulster County New York in the month of August or September 1777 for a three months tour under Major ____ Stearns; the names of the other officers he does not recollect. We marched from Rochester to Albany thence to VanSchaick's Island in the Hudson River, where we remained about a month when we marched to Saratoga and had a battle at that place with the British Army—I was in the battle—we took Burgoin's Army at that place. At the end of three months I was discharged in writing but I did not preserve it. I next entered the service as a private under Captain Andrew Bevier in the spring of the year 1779 at [Vantine Kill] in Ulster County in the State of New York; the Colonel's name was Cantine. Soon after I entered, a small party of five men of whom I was one, of Captain Andrew Bevier's Company went to the relief of a family in the neighborhood of Rochester, whose town was surrounded and set on fire by the Indians and Tories we drove them off when on the same day a part of Col. Paulding's Regiment and some militia pursued the Indians, and on the next day overtook, attacked and defeated them, and recovered back a great part of the property pillaged by the Indians.

We were stationed at Rochester during this whole summer until the end of the term for which I was drafted having served nine months principally [?] At the end of the term I was discharged, but not in writing that I recollect of. In the spring of 1780 I was again drafted in the state troops as a private and entered as such in Captain Hardenburrah's company at Rochester aforesaid attached to Col. Paulding's regiment for the term of nine months. The troops were stationed at Rochester during this whole season, and I was employed as a spy during the principal part of the term.—At the end of the nine months I was discharged but not in writing that I recollect of.

Sometime in the summer of 1781 I volunteered as a private in Captain Peacey's Company attached to Albert Pauling's Regiment for a nine months tour at Rochester in Ulster County New York and went out against the Indians and Tories who had attacked the settlement of Wawarsing about three miles from that place, and had a battle with them at what was called Vernoy fort when with the assistance of a part of Col. Cantine's regiment we forced the enemy to retreat and followed them through the woods for several days until they nearly reached the Delaware River when we returned to Rochester and I continued to act as a spy until the expiration of the nine months when I was discharged, but not in writing that I recollect of—

The deponent states that he was born in the Town of Rochester in Ulster County New York on the seventeenth day of March 1756—He thinks there is a record of his age in Rochester aforesaid—he was living in Rochester at the time when he was first called into service and lived there until the spring of 1832 when he removed to Deerfield township, Warren County where he now lives.

That Cornelius Broadhead who now lives a few miles from him in [Venango?] County Pennsylvania has known him in Ulster County New York for forty five or fifty years and removed from the State of New York at the same time he did, and William Newkack who lives in his neighborhood has also known him a long time in Ulster County, New York and both can testify as to my character and belief of services.

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) Simon Bevier

Sworn & subscribed in open court the 4th day of June AD 1733. W. W. Hodges, [?]