

Pension Application for Samuel Bigelow

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State of New York
Steuben County SS.

On this third Tuesday of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting Samuel Bigelow a resident of the Town of Tyrone [This town was later, in 1854, part of the County of Schuyler] in the said county aged sixty nine years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the spring of Seventeen hundred and seventy eight he was then a resident of the Town of Whitehall in Washington County in the State of New York (then called Skeenesborough). That with the permission of his father with whose family he resided (he being then about fifteen years of age) he enlisted first in the common militia and a while afterwards & how long he cannot say he enlisted in a company of troops raised for the protection of the Northern Frontier—who by the terms of these enlistment, according to his present recollection and belief were to serve during the war whenever called upon and were required to have in constant readiness—a full military equipage and six days provisions and were required every three months to apply for and keep on hand a pound of powder and four pounds of ball.

That in this service he continued to serve according to the terms of his enlistment for the period aforesaid. That at one time he was out on duty at Whitehall; during the whole of the winter occupying a post there under the command of Captain Levi Stockwell—The [?] who was at fort Stanwicks when besieged and at various other times for shorter periods sometimes for a day or two again for one, two, and even six weeks. That it would be impossible for him accurately to estimate the time in all he was in actual service from home, but from the best of his recollection and present judgment should think it at least two years and will so state it in this his declaration as a matter of fact.

That at the close of the war he with the company to which he was attached settled with a public agent at Salem (White Creek then called) whose name he cannot remember for his services and then received from him therefor[e] a certificate for the payment of seventy two pounds.

That service the contemplation of the present application he has written to the survivors of his fathers family residing in Washington County requesting information as to the residence of some of his associates in arms whom he can remember in answer to which they write and he believes their statement to be true, that they are all gone from there by death or removal.

That it is now about twenty five years since he left that country for the western part of New York a distance of about two hundred and fifty miles and he knows of no one now living acquainted with the services here in [?]

General John Williams the commander of the militia in that quarter is dead—one Col. Thomas, Major Childs, Captain Parmuler Allen & Elisha Towzer, Lieutenant Daniel Brundage & Ensign Robert Fuller, appears under whom at different times the said Bigelow served are all dead.

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) Samuel Bigelow

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid. Thos Ramsey, Dep Clerk of Steuben County