

Pension Application for Henry Biteley or Bitelee or Bitley

W.25242 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married November 1787, in the town of Half Moon. He died October 1827.

State of New York
Saratoga County SS.

John Bitley of the town of Moreau in said County deposes and says that he is now about or near ninety years of age cannot state exactly as the records of his age were lost. That his brother Henry Bitley was about three years younger than this deponent that this deponent receives a pension from the government of the United States for services done in the War of the Revolution that this deponent and his brother Henry Bitley were minute men and held themselves in readiness to serve—

That Henry Bitley first went out in the Militia in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. That he was often called out afterwards went to Crown Point several times and on other short excursions under the command of Captain Moss. Captain Baly and others whose names he does not now recollect that he continued to go out when called upon up to June in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two and that on the eighteenth day of June of that year the said Henry Bitley together with this deponent Ephraim Crocker, Levi Crocker, Silas Bristol, Thomas Durkee, Ezra Swain and Morris Keith were taken prisoners by the British and Tories and conveyed to Canada near Montreal from thence to Quebec and then to New York when this deponent his brother Henry Bitley and Morris Keith were exchanged and liberated in the winter of one thousand seven hundred and eighty three that Henry Bitley died in the fall of the year one thousand eight hundred twenty seven that Elizabeth Bitley is the widow of Henry Bitley that she was married to the said Henry Bitley in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and that she now resides in the town of Moreau in the County of Saratoga and State of New York. (That this deponent Henry Bitley and the others mentioned hereinbefore taken prisoners even taken near Fort Edward in the now County of Washington. (Signed with his mark) John Bitley

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14th day of February 1840. Anson Thompson, Justice of the Peace.