

### **Pension Application for John Biteley**

R.872 (Widow: Martha) Johon died July 16, 1840. Martha died on December 16, 1843. Surviving children, Joseph L. Bitely, Catharine now Catharine Dibble & Charles Bitely.  
State of New York  
Saratoga County SS.

On this twenty six day of July 1833 personally appeared before me (at his dwelling house) one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Saratoga John Biteley of the town of Moreau County of Saratoga and State of New York aged eighty one years on the eighteenth day of June Capt. [Tart?] who being 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<sup>th</sup> 1833.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That while he lived in the town of Skeenesborough now Whitehall County of Washington and State of New York and in the month of November A.D. 1777—he volunteered and entered the service under the command of Captain Sowers Lieut Clock, does not recollect the name of his ensign and he was marched through wards down Lake Champlain & through Rutland, Pittsfield, Bradport to Crown Point where he [?] for one night—and then he was marched back to Skeenesborough that on his way going he was marched to Polit? where he remained four days and was marched as above stated. That he returned in the latter part of November.

That he served & did his duty as a private soldier three weeks when he was discharged by parole. That there were no other troops out in the service at this time was not under the command of any Col or other field officers.

That while he lived in Skeenesborough now Whitehall aforesaid and in the month of April A.D. 1778 he volunteered under the command of Capt. Stockwell, Lieut. Thomas Baggs, does not remember the ensigns name that he engaged in the service for the turn of six weeks and was stationed at Skeenesborough aforesaid in the garrison and was sent out in scouting parties to Crown Point, Lake George and other places that he continued in the service until in the month of May when he was discharged by parole, being relieved by other troops—that he served out six weeks, performed his duty as a private soldier six weeks.

That there was no officer above the office of Capt that commanded. Capt. Toser commanded another company who was stationed in the garrison does not remember the names of his officers otherwise there were no other troops in this campaign to his recollection.

That while he lived in the town of Saratoga now Moreau County of Saratoga and State of New York where he now resides and in the month of June A.D. 1779 he engaged & entered the service for six months in the New York State Troops under the command off Capt. Isaac Moss, Lieut Doty does not recollect the name of the Ensign he was under[?] at Fort Edward under the command of Col. Seth Warner and Major Hopkins and he was sent out in a party of he thinks of two hundred in presence of the Indians and Tories and was married to Lake George where he entered Batteaux and sailed down the lake to Lake Champlain through Ticonderoga Crown Point to [Ballwagons Bay?] and returned the same way back – to Fort Edward where he was started and was sent out in scouting parties to Lake George, [?] Patent, Palmertown, Saratoga Springs, Lake Champlain and other places at several different times and he remained in the said service until in the month of December when his term expired and he was discharged by parole. That he served and did his duty six months as a private soldier.

This deponent further saith he does not recollect of seeing any general officers that he saw Capt Chipman was afterwards a Major under Hopkins was killed on Lake George at the same time Col. Warner was wounded and served other officers but does not remember their names. That there were other Malitia [militia] regiments that came but he has forgotten the names of the officers commanding. Thinks there were no other Continental Troops he saw except Col. Warner's Regt—during this campaign

the name of the Lieut or Ensign that there were no Cols command he was marched to Palmertown Fort now in the town of Witton where he was stationed as a guard and was sent out in small scouting parties at Ballstown. [??] once many other places where he remained until in the month of November when his time expired, he further states he was elected to the office of the first sergeant previous to his leaving the town of Saratoga aforesaid. That he served and did his duty as the first Sergeant of the company three months and was discharged by parole. That he received a sergeant warrant signed by the Captain which warrant has for a number of years been lost. That there were no other troops out in the service with him in this campaign.

This declarant further saith that while he lived in the town now called Fort Edward County of Washington and State of New York which was after the burning by the enemy between Fort Edward and Fort Miller his house having been burnt with the rest. He was compelled to change his residence on the other side of the river Hudson for a short time at which time he belonged in a company of Malitia commanded by Capt. Winnie does not remember the names of the Lieut or Ensign was in Col. John McCrea Regiment cannot recollect the names of the other officers of the regiment.

That he was and acted as the first Sergeant of the company and did perform the duties of such first Sergeant, that he has lost his warrant years ago.

That on the evening of the eighteenth day of June A.D. 1781 he with Ephraim Crocker, Levi Crocker, Thomas Durkee, Henry Biteley, Silas Bristol, Elijah Dunham who has since deceased that Ephraim Crocker has died since he was pensioned and Morris Kief were by a larger party of Tories clad in Indians dress taken prisoners and he was taken to the top of Fort Edward hill where he met with another party of Tories who had taken Ezra Swain and Daniel Suly also prisoners and there they were all prisonioned and tried together was taken through the woods to the east side of Lake George and there were taken on board of boats and to the 14 mile Island and encamped for the night and the next day was taken down the lake in boats to Ticonderoga and crossed over into Lake Champlain and down Lake Champlain was taken in boats to Grand Isle on to Dutchman's Point where we remained a few days there was conveyed to St. John's and was put into prison and in irons from thence he was drove bare foot to Montreal and again imprisoned and was kept there some length of time and was then taken to Long [?] from thence he was taken up the St. Lawrence river to prisoner Island and put in the Picket Fort under a guard of soldiers and sometime in the month of October was taken to Montreal and put on board of a vessel and taken down to Quebeck [Quebec] and then he was put on board of the ship Baker & vessels with he thinks 300 other prisoners thence taken to New York and landed at Kings Ferry on the North River on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1781. When he was paroled and set at liberty for his residence.

This deponent further saith he was a sergeant in the service of the Untied States Army, New York Militia and that he was a prisoner of war in the revolution six months and eleven days and for the above service he claims a pension.

That he returned to the town of Fort Edward aforesaid and after a few months he moved into the town of Saratoga now Moreau where he now lives and has lived ever since which is fifty one years.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person he can procure who can testify to his service or relative thereto except Lydius Durkee, Nathan Durkee, William Sinclair, Jacob Biteley whose affidavits is hereunto annexed.

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 or territory.

1. That he was born in the place called Hackey Hill in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey A.D. 1752.
2. That there is no record of his age to his knowledge.

3. That when he entered the service he lived in the town of Skeenesborough now Whitehall, town of Saratoga now Moreau & in the town of Fort Edward and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the town of Saratoga now Moreau where he now lives and has lived fifty one years.
4. That he entered the service as a volunteer in every case.
5. That he names of other officers and regiments he cannot now distinctly remember than he has set up in the body of his declarations.
6. That he has no in any one case received a written discharge.
7. That there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood that can testify or is acquainted with him sufficient to give him testimony and that he is known in his present neighborhood by Seth Hawley, Ebenezer Thompson, Warren Bell, Nathan Durkee, John Payn, Lydius Durkee and many others who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. This declarant also saith he cannot from bodily infirmity attend any court of record.

(Signed with his mark) John Bittey

Sworn to and made his mark on the account of his bodily infirmity the day and year aforesaid before me, Harvey Granger Judge.