

Pension Application for William Bloss

S.12251

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 28th day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court now sitting before the Justices of the Justices Court of Hudson County aforesaid William Bloss a resident of Taghkanick [Taghkanic] in said County, aged seventy two years of age who being 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 was born in the month of March of the year 1760 in the town of Livingston County aforesaid. That his only record of his age is the family Bible now in his possession. That he resided in said Livingston till the beginning of the Revolution.

That about the first of May of the year 1776 he enlisted in the company of his uncle, Capt. Tealle Rockefeller of the Regiment of Col. Peter Livingston as a musician for three months. Marched first to Albany & thence on to Fort Edward where the troops were stationed. He does not recollect any other officers.

He played on the fife & was in actual service till some time in August, when the company was discharged & he returned home. Again sometime in the month of September following he joined a company of Rangers under Capt. Marcus Platner to apprehend some tories, who had formed themselves into companies & to convey them to prison at Redhook. A dwelling house now occupied by Revd Mr. Kittle was then the prison. There they had to stay & guard the prisoners & in the latter part of November they marched thence to Rhinebeck & they the prisoners were then put on board the prison ships stationed there.

He then returned in said company to Clermont to a place of Derick Johnsons where the committee sat to try the prisoners as they were brought in. There they were stationed to guard the court till some time in January of 1777 bring in actual service this time four months. They were then discharged from actual service but directed to be in constant readiness for any alarm. During this four months service they acted under the direction of Col. Livingston aforesaid.

Again in March he thinks the latter part in the year 1777 he was ordered out in a company to go south & assist in building a chain across the River at West Point. He thinks they were commanded by Minor Bogart & ordered out by said Col. Livingston. When they arrived at Redhook they were ordered to cut down the largest pines upon the bank of the river & roll them into the river to be floated down. They did so & were so employed till they reached Slottsburg near Poughkeepsie. They were then discharged near the last of April having been in actual service one month at this time.

Again about the first of June 1777 he entered the company of Capt. Tealle Rockefeller aforesaid & marched through Albany to Bemis Heights . There they were stationed till the first of August when he with the company were duly discharged & he came home. He staid a week & was again ordered out in the company of Capt. Marcus Platner & marched to Stillwater. While there he was out on a scout & one his return the battle with Burgoyne had commenced. He and the company were discharged & returned home about the first of November same year, having been in actual service this time five months.

And this applicant further says that in all said service he was engaged thirteen months. That he always served as a private and a volunteer never had any written discharges & has no documentary evidence. That since the war he has lived where his now lives; that in consequence of loss of memory he cannot mention the names of any of the officers than those stated above. That he cannot find any living witness other than those whose testimony is herewith forwarded.

That he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present & that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he would refer the department to Edwin Holmes, a clergyman & Friend Sheldon, who can testify to his character for truth & veracity & his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) William Bloss

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid. John D. Parker Clk.