

Pension Application for William Bodly

S.2093

State of Ohio

County of Richland SS.

On this twenty fourth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Richland and State of Ohio, William Bodly a resident of Plimoth Township in the County of Richland and State of Ohio aged about sixty eight years the ninth day of July last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with one Lieut Levi DeWit and served in the year 1779 in Colnl Albert Pawldings Redgement [Regiment] of the [blank] line under the following named officers:

Captain Hunter, Lieut. Dewit. I marched under the command of Lieut Dewit to Shandacon there our Capt Hunter took command of said company, we ware [were] attached to the Redgement commanded by Colnl Pawlding our major was Elias Benscouten our adjudent [adjutant] name was Elsworth. Colnl Pawlding was the commandent of said Redgement and one of the field officers. The officers which I was under in said time of enlistment was as above stated.

I left the service about the first day of January often after. I wa in listed I was listed [sic] for the time of nine months and got only a verbal discharge our Colonel took us on parade and thanked us for our services which was the discharge we got at said time.

Before I was discharged from said campain [campaign] we marches from marbel Town to Shandakon there we built a fort and staid there to some time in August when they marched westwards in order to join Genl General Clinton's Brigade at [Anquaqua?] on the Susquehanna River. I was not at Auquaqua but started with said regiment and went with them the first day the Colonel told me I was two young and adviced me to turn back to the fort for that I could not stand the march unaccount of my age and from said fort we marched to Stoney Point and from there to [?] where we got our discharge as he afore stated.

Some time after I was discharged I again in listed for the term of eight months. It was in the year 1781 Capt. Percy was the commandant of the company which I was in I do not at this time recollect the names of the rest of the officers in the company which I was in at that time we was attached to the Redgement commanded by Colonel Albert Pawldin [sic] the major was Benscouten our adjedent was Cornelius Deboise. I served the full time of eight months it being the time in which I inlisted for.

I resided in Marbel Town in the County of Ulster and State of New York at the time I in listed and entered the service. We marched from Marbel town to the Town of Rochester and a place called Napennac where we lay for some time I was one of a party who went out and fought a party of Indians and Tories.

I was under the command of I was under the command of [sic] of Capt Percy when we had the Battel [sic] with the Indians was at Vanaweyer Fort, some [?] of us of which I was one was out of the fort and fought our way to the fort, then we drove them off I seen one fellow fall I believe he was shot.

I served out my full time of eight months and [?] got a verbel [verbal] discharge. The next year following after I was discharged the 2d time—I again in listed in the year 1782 to the best of my knollledge [knowledge] my captains name was Andrew White to the best of my recollection our lieut was William Knottingham, we was attached to the Redgement commanded by Colonel Pisundts. I then lived in marbel Town Ulster County State of New York. We rendezvoused at Napennac in the Town of Rochester. We marched from there to Laughawack from thence we marched to Napennac—the place of hed [head] Quarters—there we remained to [till] we got our discharge the places or above stated.

In the third campaign was all in the county of Ulster in said State of New York

I hereby relinquish every claim what ever to a pention [pension] or annuity except the present and he declares that is name is not on the pention roll of any agency in any state or [?] only on that of the agency in the State of New York. (Signed) William Bodly

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Ellzry Hedges Clk.

Letter in folder dated July 7, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.2093, it appears that William Bodley or Bodly was born July 9, 1764, at Rochester Township, Ulster County, New York.

While residing in said county, he served as private in the New York Troops as follows.

From in April 1779, nine months in Captain Hunter's or Faulkner's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment. Levi DeWitt, soldier's uncle, was Lieutenant in above company.

In 1781, eight months in Captain Pearsee's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment, and was in a battle with the Indians at Wawarsing.

In 1782, in Captain Andrew White's Company, Colonel Weissenfel's Regiment, guarding the frontier, length of service not stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 24, 1832, while a resident of Plymouth Township, Richland County, Ohio. He died November 2, 1843.

There is no data on file relative to wife and children.