

### Pension Application for John Boldman

W.8149 (Widow: Esther)  
B.L.Wt.49047-160-553  
State of New York  
Steuben County SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day 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 and setting John Boldman a resident of the Town of Jersey in the County of Steuben and State of New York aged sixty seven years 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> 1832.

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

That sometime in the spring of the year 1780 but he cannot state the month he volunteered for the term of four months in the company commanded by Captain Vrooman in the regiment commanded by Colonel Harper, that the regiment was stationed at fort Stanwix and that he continued there until the expiration of the time for which he volunteered when he was dismissed and returned home.

That sometime in the spring of the year 1781 but he cannot state the precise time, he enlisted for nine months in the New York State troops in the company commanded by Captain Funday which company was attached to the regiment under the command of Colonel Willett's that he went with the regiment up the Mohawk River, to a place called Fort Plain, when he was transferred to the company commanded by Captain Gross in the same regiment, Captain Funday having been promoted to the rank of Major — that he continued at that place and near there until his term of enlistment expired—that during the time he was at Fort Plain, he was out on an expedition against the Tories and Indians.

The Americans were commanded by Colonel Willett—that he attacked the enemy and defeated them, soon after they had burnt a part of the Town of Currytown—that there was no other regiments except Colonel Willett's at Fort Plain.

He was born in the town of Warrensburgh (now Florida) about sixteen miles from Schenectady in the County of Montgomery in the month of July (the day he cannot state) in the year 1765—

He has no record of his age.

He lived at the said Town of Warrensbush when he was first called into the service and continued to reside at that place until after the war—when he removed to the Town of Amsterdam on the opposite side of the Mohawk River—where he lived until about thirty four years ago when he removed to the town of Tegs in the County of Otsego in the State of New York where he lived about ten years and then removed to the town of Painted Post in the County of Steuben in the said state where he lived about three years and then removed to the town of Jersey in the said County where he now resides.—

He thinks that he received a written discharge from the service but that it has been lost or destroyed and he cannot now produce it.

That Stephen Northrup, Jedediah Miller and Chaney Hewitt have known him for a number of years in his present neighborhood, and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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) John Boldman.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. M. S. Rumsey Dep. Clk, Steuben County

Letter in folder dated May 22, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of John Boldman is given herein as shown in the papers on file in pension claim, W.8149.

John Boldman was born in the month of July 1765, in Warrensburgh (later called Florida) Montgomery County, New York, and lived there with his father at the time of the Revolutionary War; the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in the spring of 1780, and served four months as a private in Captain Vrooman's Company, Colonel Harper's New York regiment, stationed near Fort Stanwix. He enlisted in the spring of 1781, served as private in Captains Fonda's and Gross' companies, Colonel Willett's New York regiment, was in an engagement near Fort Plain just after the burning of Currytown, and was discharged at the expiration of service of nine months.

John Boldman resided in Warrensburgh until after the war, then moved to Amsterdam on the opposite side of the Mohawk River and remained until about 1796, then moved to "Tego", Otsego County, New York, where he resided about ten years, then moved to Painted Post, Steuben County, New York, and remained about three years, after which he moved to Jersey, Steuben County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 15, at which time he resided in Jersey, Steuben County, New York. In 1839, he resided in Woodhull, in that same County. He died there June 14, 1855.

John Boldman married September 17, 1848, in Woodhull, New York, Esther Edwards.

Esther Boldman, the soldier's widow was allowed pension on her application executed July 10, 1855, at which time she resided in Woodhull, New York. She was then aged sixty-four years; the date a place of her birth, and names of her parents are not shown. In August 1857, she was a resident of Washtenaw County, Michigan; she stated that she had moved there from New York as she had friends living there. In September 1858, she was a resident of Morrison, Whiteside County, Illinois; she stated that she had a son residing in that state, but did not give his name. No reference was made to a former marriage of said Esther Boldman.

In 1832, Henry Boldman, soldier's brother, who was about three years younger than John, was a resident of Erwin, Steuben County, New York. In 1855, one James ? (not clearly written) Boldman was a resident of Woodhull, New York; no relationship to the soldier was stated.