

### **Pension Application for Bethuel Bond**

W.21,686 (Widow Lydia. Bethuel died 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1841. Pension granted to Lydia at the rate of \$37.42 per annum.)

State of New York

Chautauqua County SS.

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally came before the court of Common Pleas of the County of Chautauqua being a court of Record & having a seal & Clerk Bethuel Bond a resident of the town of Chautauqua in said County aged sixty nine years on the twentieth day of May 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 act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States & served under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That about the first of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight the year after Burgoine (1) was [?] at Stockbridge in Berkshire County in the State of Massachusetts, he voluntarily enlisted in Captain Enos Parkers Company of Massachusetts Militia for the term of six months. Captain Parker Resided in Pittsfield, the other officers I do not recollect. We marched from Stockbridge about the first of July 1778 through the towns of Tyringham, Glasco, West Springfield. Crossed Connecticut [next?] & were stationed at East Springfield to guard the magazines & Burgoines Brass Artillery and to transport powder & Cartridges (3) to such places as ordered by General Washington. (2) When General Washington was stationed at White Plains & after a severe action with the enemy he went to Springfield for Powder Ball & Cartridges. His orders were quickly obeyed thirteen covered waggons were soon loaded & sent to White Plains. My Captain called on me to take with me seven men & go as a guard with the powder to Genl Washington. We crossed the River – went through Suffield, Weathersfield, Hartford, New Haven saw the British fleet in the Sound went on to Genl Washington & delivered said thirteen waggon loads without sustaining the least damage. Returned again to Springfield soon after Genl Washington sent for a number of waggon loads to be forwarded to Peekskill on the North River. My Captain called on me to guard the same & took seven men & went from Springfield through Suffield & Litchfield to Peekskill, near the North river. Delivered the loading safe [sic] & returned to Springfield soon after—Genl Washington sent for a number of waggon loads of the same load as before named to be sent to Providence in Rodesland [Rhode Island]. The Captain called on me the third time to go with the seven men & guard them [?] we went from Springfield to Providence & delivered the loading in good order returned to Springfield & remained there on duty until the first day of January in the year 1779 & was then honourably discharged by my Captain after a faithful service of six months. About the first day of August in the year 1779. I voluntarily enlisted in Captain Halls company of Massachusetts Militia at the town of Stockbridge where I then resided the other officers I cannot now recollect. We marched from Stockbridge through Barrington, Sheffield, Canaan, Goshen & Litchfield & from thence to New Haven as Continentals on the seaboard arrived there soon after in battle. Were stationed at New Haven as a guard one month & returned again to Stockbridge. In the year 1780 I went to Weststockbridge where my parents then resided. At this time the Indians & Tories made such havock & inroads on our frontiers at Cherry Valley & Schoharie with Brant (4) & Butler & some British officers that I voluntarily enlisted in Captain Ford's (5) company in which Harrison Richmond (6) was Lieutenant in Col. Browns regiment. I enlisted the latter part of the month of July at Weststockbridge aforesaid & marched from thence through Albany to Schoharrie & was stationed at the upper Fort enlistment was for three months. I enlisted about the time that Butler & Brant (7) went to Schoharrie with several hundred Indians & tories & laid the town in ashes, fought at the middle & lower Fort most of the day. The enemy were defeated & drove through the woods crossed the Mohawk river engaged in battle with Col. Brown (8) at Stonyaba [Stone Arabia] near Johnstown killed and scalped him & a large number of his men. We who were stationed at the Upper Fort followed the enemy up the river to Fort

Plain near the German Flatts where they took to the woods & returned from whence they came. The latter part of October or beginning of November I returned to Weststockbridge after having served faithfully three months. And this deponent says that in all he was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war as least ten months nine months of which he has shown by three affidavits of Zenas Higgins & Warren Hull hereto annexed that as to the other month he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person living by whom he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pensions of the agency of any state. (Signed) Bethuel Bond.

Sworn in open Court the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 before F. B. Campbell, a judge of Chau. Com. Pleas

Letter in reply to inquiry in the pension file, dated January 25, 1924.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.21696, it appears that Bethuel Bond was born May 20, 1762 or 1763, in Dover, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he enlisted July 7, 1778 and served until January 1, 1779 as private in Captain Enos Parker's Company, Colonel Jacob Gerrish's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted July 18, 1779 and served until August 22, 1779 in Captain Ambrose Hill's Company, Colonel Miles Powell's Massachusetts Regiment.

He enlisted July 21, 1780, and served until October 27, 1780 as Corporal in Captain Foord's Company, Colonel John Brown's Massachusetts Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, while a resident of Chautauqua, Chautauqua County, New York. He died August 15, 1841, in Chautauqua, New York.

He married in 1791 in Westfield, Washington County, New York, Lydia Dolph. She died August 9, 1845, and was buried in Chautauqua, New York.

Their children were—

Polly, born April 3, 1792, died November 4, 1797

Laura, born November 16, 1793

Olive, born August 7, 1795

William D., born April 26, 1797

Phebe, born April 14, 1799

Ira, born January 24, 1801

Bethuel Jr., born March 10, 1803, died July 8, 1808

Maley or Gamaliel, born May 14, 1805

Minor T. born March 2, 1809

Polly M., born October 18, 1813

End Notes—Bethuel Bond—W.21686

1. British General John Burgoyne surrendered his army at Saratoga (present day Schuylerville, NY) on October 17, 1777.
2. General George Washington, Commander-In-Chief of the American Army.
3. Cartridges are fixed ammunition i/e. for artillery usually, powder and ball or grapeshot in a canvas sack to fit a particular size of cannon. For muskets cartridges were powder and a musket ball wrapped in paper.
4. Captain Joseph Brant, Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler and/or Captain Walter Butler.
5. It appears he is listed as Bartholomew as no Bethuel is listed. Bartholomew is listed as enlisting as a corporal on July 21, 1780 in Captain William Foord's company in Colonel John Brown's Regiment of Massachusetts State Levies. Bartholomew was discharged on October 27, 1780. A Seth Bond served as a private in the same company.

6. The lieutenants in Captain Foord's Company were Alpheus Spencer and Abel Pearson. No Harrison Richmond of any rank has been found serving in Colonel Brown's Regiment.
7. Sir John Johnson with his British forces laid waste to the Schoharie Valley on October 17, 1780.
8. Colonel Brown was killed with about 30 men from his regiment in the Battle of Stone Arabia in the morning of October 19, 1780.