

Pension Application for David Bonesteel or Banested

R.470 (Widow: Susanna)

State of New York

Chenango County SS.

Declaration to obtain a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. On this 21st day of September 1832 personally appeared before me Hezekiah Read Esqr one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Chenango David Bonesteel, a resident of the Town of German in the County of Chenango and State of New York aged seventy four years 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 7th 1832 that he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein state.

That this deponent was drafted in the year 1775 in May or June and served about one week service. Officer does not recollect and was marched to Fort Stanwix to drive back the soldiers and the Indians had gone back and I was discharged.

And in the year 1776 in the month of April I enlisted and went out to stand as a guard under Capt. Henry Stupplebeen, Col. Hogaboom, General VanRansalaer. The other officers does not recollect and was marched to Claverack on the North River and served there till the month of December and then was dismissed and went home.

And in the month of April 1777 served under the same officers until October thereafter as a guard and staid there until after Burgoine was taken and then was dismissed.

And I further declare that I have no documentary evidence of my services and know of no person who I can procure to prove my service.

1st I was born in the year 1758 in the Town of Clavrac [Clavarack] in Columbia County in the State of New York.

2d I have no record of my age.

3d When I entered the service I was a resident of the Town of Claverac in the County Columbia in the State of New York. Resided there five or six years after the war was over then moved to Troy and resided in Troy fifteen or sixteen years then moved to Otsego County about twelve or fourteen years. I then moved into the now Town of German where I now live.

4. I was drafted one and then I enlisted into the service 1776 and 1777 as will appear by my declerster. [Declaration?]

5th I served under General Vanransaleer, Colonel Hogaboom, the other officers does not recollect.

6th I never rec'd any written discharge from service.

7 I am acquainted with Adam Starrey and Sephen Faro of the same town.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) David Barnsteel

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Hez. Read Judge Chenango Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated April 3, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.470, that David Bonesteel or Banested was born in 1758 in Claverack, New York.

He applied for pension September 21, 1832, at which time he was living in German, Chenango County, New York, and alleged that while residing in Claverack, New York, he served with the New York troops, as follows:

In May or June, 1775, one week, no officers given; from in April 1776, eight months and three days under Captain Henry Stupplebeen and Colonel Hogoboom; and from April 1777, six months and eight day under the same officers.

The claim was not allowed as proof of six months service was not furnished.

He stated that five or six years after the Revolution he moved to Troy and lived fifteen or sixteen years, then moved to Otsego County, where he lived twelve or fourteen years, and then to German, New York.

The soldier's widow, Susannah, in March 1854 was living in German, New York.

The date of soldier's death is not on record, and there are no further data as to his family.

The above noted David Bonesteel or Banested is the only soldier of that name that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.