

Pension Application for Philip Bonestale or Bonesteel

S.12254

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster Ulster [sic] SS.

On the thirteenth day of September 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 in and for Ulster County, being a Court of Record for sai County, proceeding according to the course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction in point of amount unlimited, and having a record of their proceedings, and having a clerk & seal of their own.

Philip Bonesteel a resident of the town of Woodstock in the County of Ulster aged seventy three 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 the 7th June 1837.

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

To Wit. That in the fall of the year 1775 he volunteered as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War and was in Captain Harmon Hoffman's Company of Minute Men for six months and was stationed in the Town of Red Hook (then Rhinebeck) in Dutchess County and continued ins aid service as minute man until about the middle of February following (1776) and was then after a service of six months discharged, the first Lieu taws Andrew Hermans 2d Lieut was George Sharp and the Ensign to said company was James Adams (Received a written discharge).

And this applicant further declares that about the first of March 1776 he again volunteered in said service as a private soldier, in the company of Capt. John Dewitt for four months rendezvous at Rhinebeck Dutchess County, went from there by water to New York City and marched from there to Horns Hook on the East River and assisted in building a fort at Horn Hook. Continued there until about the first of August following and was then there discharged, and that he volunteered as a substitute for Henry Allendorp a first lieutenant was John Steenbergh and the ensign was Solomon Powell, (Received no written discharge)

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first August and immediately after the above named served in the year (1776) he again volunteered in said service as a private soldier, in the company of Capt. Andrew Harmans, Lieut's George Sharp & H. Knickerbocker in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment. Genl Clinton's Brigade went to Kings Bridge built the Fort Independence, until the British reached New York and then retreated to White Plains was in the battle of White Plains and continued there until the British left White Plains and went to Peekskill and was there discharged about the first of January following, and after the full term of five months (received no written discharge).

He further declares that he knew General Washington, Colonel Hopkins, Swarthout, Stoutenbergh.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of June 1778 he was drafted as one of a class in the same service in Capt. Andrew Hermans Company for one month to go to West Point to guard the Fort at West Point and continued there the full term of one month and was then discharged.

And this deponent further declares that about the middle of July in the year 1776 he was called out to defend the fort Constitution opposite West Point against an expected attack from two British vessels, in the company of Captain David VanEss in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment and continued in said service about one half a month and was then discharged. (no written discharge).

And this applicant further declares that one or about the tenth day of May 1777 he volunteered in the same service in the company commanded by Lieutenant Cornelius Elmendorf as a guard to the Powder Mill or Works in the Town of Rhinebeck Dutchess County and continued in said service until the last of June or first of July and was then discharged, making a service of one month & twenty two days.

Answers to the Interrogatories.

1st. That he was born at Rhinebeck Dutchess the 5 April 1759.

2d. That he has in his Father's Bible.

3d. That he lived at Rhinebeck aforesaid, has since and still does live in Woodstock Ulster County.

4th. That he was drafted, volunteered and was substitute as before stated.

5th. That he knew those mentioned in the foregoing declaration.

6th. That he does not recollect of having a written discharge.

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 any Agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Philip Bonstable.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. G. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo, Judges.