

Pension Application for Frederick Bonsted or Bonstead

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Mass. & New York

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before Aaron Haring First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County Frederick Bonsted of the Town of Minden in said county 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 7th 1832.

The he entered about the fifteenth day of March 1780 he knows the month & year is right but cannot so precisely state the day but believes that to be correct into the service of the United States under the following circumstances the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he was enlisted in the service of the United States in Captain John Shepard's Company of Artificers in Colonel VanRensselaer's Regiment or Corps of Artificers that he enlisted at Albany in said state for the term of nine months that he served said nine months faithfully and was then verbally discharged and no written discharge was given to any of those that were enlisted that he served the whole of said time at Albany & was there discharged.

That he again enlisted at the City of Albany in the month of March but cannot state the exact day in the year 1781 in the New York State Troops in the Infantry in a company commanded by Captain Elsworth whose Christian name he cannot now state in a Regiment commanded by Col. Marinus Willet and for the term of nine months & marched from thence up the Mohawk River in the said Town of Minden and there met the Colonel & joined his regiment that applicant was stationed at Fort Plain in said town and that he faithfully served out his last mentioned period or term of his enlistment and was discharged in writing at the City of Albany & by time & accident is now lost.

That in the last mentioned term he was in engagement called the battle of Turlough now Town of Sharon & County of Schoharie and State. The American commanded by Col. Willet and the British Tories & Indians commanded by one Dockstader.

That there are witnesses alive that this applicant knows of that he know of the enlistment or discharges aforesaid or either of them but there are two witnesses to wit John Muller of Canajoharie Montgomery John Dusler of Danube Herkimer County in said state that saw him in said battle & that Henry Flander of Oppenheim Montgomery County was serving a part of the time at Fort Plain which he the applicant served there under Colonel Willet.

That in the month of January 1782 this applicant volunteered at the City of Albany in the Armory of the State of New York for the term of eight months on Sergeant pay & was paid the same & repaired guns and made bayonets of which armory was under the command or control of said Colonel Willet that this applicant faithfully served said time & was discharged at Albany and was discharged in writing but this is also by time & accident lost.

That this applicant knows of no witness that can prove the last volunteering service or discharge.

That this applicant was born on the 26 day of January in the year 1747 at Berlin in the Kingdom of Prussia.

That he has no record of his age & does not know that there is any in existence.

That [?] he first entered the service of the United States he resided in the City of Albany & continued there until in the year 1783 when he moved to the present town of Minden & has ever since resided there.

That he went into the service by enlistment & volunteering as aforesaid on his own account & for his own will & inclination & not as a substitute for or on account of any other person.

That he has never served with any other of the regular officers other than herein before stated nor with any other Continental Regiments or Militia Regiments other than the circumstances of his services as herein stated.

That he receive the discharges as herein stated & no other.

That Thomas Timmerman & Isaac Elwood of Minden aforesaid I am acquainted with for thirty years & upwards last past who live in my neighborhood & who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of any services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he this applicant came to American in the year 1777 in the fall that he was in England was there pressed by the British Officers put on board of a Schooner of War of eight guns was landed at South Amboy New Jersey and that after he had been there a few months he deserted from the British & came to the Americans.

That in the year of 1778 or 1779 but cannot state the year more exact in the spring of the year at Boston he enlisted in the Massachusetts State Infantry Troops for three years served more that one year during that time marched to Morristown in New Jersey & there procured a substitute for the residue of his time & was discharged in writing of which he has lost, that Captain Bennet was his Captain but he is unable to state any other officers name in that Regiment & does not know of any person by whom he can prove that enlistment or service. L That the substitute procured was named Potter but cannot state his Christian name.

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 with his mark) Frederick Bonsted.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. Aaron Haring, Judge aforesaid.