

Pension Application for James Bookhout

W.16628 (Widow: Margaret) Margaret Brate married James Brookhout on the 9th day of May 1790.

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State of New York

On this 27th day of November 1835 personally appeared in open court before John Watson, David Monroe & George Pettit & James M. Allen Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and General Session in said County James Bookhout a resident of the Town of Pompey in said county & State of New York, aged seventy four years the 22d day of January 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated that in the year 1776 he resided at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess, & then and there enlisted and served for & during the term of nine months, in a company commanded by Capt. William Trumphour of New York State troops belonging to a regiment commanded by Col. Graham & immediately joined said company & was marched to Morrisiana where it joined said regiment and whose said company & Capt. Teller's company were consolidated under the command of Captain Teller.

From thence he was marched to Kingsbridge, thence to a place two miles distant, thence to White Plains & Peekskill and remained there till said nine months expired which was in the fall.

That in May 1777 he enlisted for a term of six months with Captain Hugh Montgomery & forthwith joined his company which marched to Peekskill & thence to the Highlands, thence to Poughkeepsie thence towards Esopus & back to Poughkeepsie & thence to Fishkill where he remained until his said term of service expired which was in November of said year 1777, that he resided at the time of said second enlistment in Pleasant Valley County of [Dutchess] Dutchess & state of New York & the service was performed in the New York State Militia.

That he again enlisted for the term of nine months in the month of March or April in the year 1781 in the New York State troops and joined the Regiment of Col. Wisemult at Fishkill and belonged to Capt. Thomson's company which was soon detached from said Regiment and marched to Orangetown in the State of New Jersey where he remained and did duty in Capt. Thomson's Company which was soon detached from said regiment and marched to Orangetown in the State of New Jersey where he remained and did duty in Capt. Thomsan's until said term of nine months expired which was December 1781.

That he resided in Pleasant Valley at the time of this enlistment.

That early in the spring of the year 1782 he enlisted for another term of nine months in the state troops of New York & joined the regiment of Col. Weisemult afore said at Fishkill, that he went under command of Sergt. Ichabod Wilbur to Pompton Plains in New Jersey & there was placed in Captain Furman's Company Col. Philip Van Cortland's Regiment & after remaining there for sometime was marched in said company & Regiment to a place near Kings Ferry sometimes call Smith's Clove and remained there till said term of service expired, that at the time of this enlistment also he resided at Pleasant Valley aforesaid.

That before Burgoyne was taken he was drafted as one of every ninth man in the Regiment of local Militia where he then resided in Pleasant Valley which was commanded as declarent believes, by Col. Herrick, that the company so drafted as aforesaid was commanded by Capt. Francis Nelson and was ordered by General Schuyler to escort about 300 women and children belonging to tory families raised about Saratoga who had been brought in to prevent their communicating with the enemy to Lake George and this service was performed by said company & required forty five days time from the time he was drafted till he returned home & that he was discharged from this service at Saratoga in the fall.

That he was born at Fishkill aforesaid, in the year 1761 Jan 22nd that he has no record of his age that at the times when he was called into service as aforesaid he lived at Poughkeepsie and Pleasant

Valley in Dutchess [Dutchess] County aforesaid that since the Revolutionary War, he has lived in Rensselaerville in the Albany County in Middleburgh Schoharie County & in Pompey in the County of Onondaga where he now resides—that he went into the service as a Volunteer excepting on one occasion where he was drafted—that he recollects the names & persons of Capt. Ostrum, Col. Gansevoort, Col. VanSchaick, Gen. Putnam, Generals Thomas, Scott, Gates & Washington.

That he received one discharge at Kingsbridge from General George Clinton, but it has long since been lost.

That Daniel Gatt, Victory Birdseye, George Pettit, David Marsh & Henry Bogardus are persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution – That my reason of old age & loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the month or day of the month when the aforesaid, periods of service commenced & expires, but he is certain that he did not serve less than thirty four & a half months as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he has no documentary evidence to support his claim for a pension, that he has been to great trouble & expense in search of surviving witnesses for that purpose, having traveled to Dutchess County & written letter of enquiry but has failed, to procure any such proof expecting the affidavit of Thomas Wilkinson hereto annexed—that all the clergymen near him, have resided there so short a period that they cannot swear to his reputation as a soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of and state. (Signed) James Bookhout

Subscribed and sworn this 28th day of November 1835 before me. A. Edwards, Clerk