

Pension Application for Oliver Bouker or Bonker

R.1058

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this eighteenth day of September in the year 1844, personally appeared in open court, the Court of Common Pleas and General Session of the Peace of the County aforesaid, now in session at Aburn in the said County, Oliver Bonker, a resident of the town of Mentz in the said County of Cayuga, aged ninety 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 provision made by the Act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States, soon after harvest in the year 1775 for the term of three years in Capt. Jesse Hawley's Company in the first regiment under command of Col. Richard Hacketts, that he resided at the time of his enlistment, in the town of Bedford in [the] County of West Chester and State of New York and after his term of service had expired he resided at the same place until the close of the war.

That his regiment was stationed, on the lines, from SingSing on the North River to Bedford in West Chester County and thence to Stamford in Connecticut on the Sound; that he was in the Battle of White Plains on the 27th October in 1776 and was wounded; that after the regular army retreated to Jersey, he remained with his regiment on the lines, until the term of his enlistment had expired and he was discharged and that to the best of his memory the officers of his company were Capt. Jesse Hawley, Lieut James Sackett, John Tyler, Ensign, and Elias Newman, Orderly Sergeant and those of the Regiment, Col. Richard Sackett, Major John Stewart, adjutant John Mosier and Paymaster John Jones.

He further states that [he] enlisted as a volunteer and was honorably discharged at the expiration of three years; that his discharge is lost; that he has not documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services and that during the time of his service he was not employed in any civil pursuits. (Signed with his mark) Oliver Bouker

Sworn this 18th day September A.D. 1844. E. Hulbert Dep Clk of Cayuga Col.