

Pension Application for Benajah Bouton or Boughton

S.23133

State of New York

Suffolk County

Before Noses Rolph Esquire one of the Suffolk County Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Suffolk.

On this second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Moses Rolph one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Suffolk and State of New York Benajah Bouton a resident of the Town of Huntington in the said county 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 June 7th 1832.

That he was seventy three years of age on the last day of October last past as appears from the family record in a bible now in the possession of his sister Cloe Brewster who resides at Brooklyn.

That he was born at Poundridge in the County of Westchester in the State of New York and resided there until the summer of 1777 when he removed with his father from the Town of Poundridge to the Town of South Salem in the said County of Westchester where he resided one year and then removed back to Poundridge aforesaid where he continued to reside when at home until after the Revolutionary War that since the revolution he has the chief of the time resided at Brooklyn and at Huntington in which last place he now resides and has resided there upwards of twenty years.

That he served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War in the regular militia or volunteer companies under the officers and for the periods following.

That some time in the month of December 1776 he joined a volunteer company of infantry called Delavan's rangers commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan which company volunteered for three months service during the whole of which time deponent continued in service in said company.

That Noah Bouton was a Lieutenant and Daniel Delavan an ensign in said company that the said company was attached to a regiment of militia commanded by Col. Thomas Thomas of the county of Westchester that he was an inhabitant of the Town of Pound Ridge at the time he enlisted in said company and that Samuel and Daniel Delavan were inhabitants of the Town of North Salem in the said County of Westchester.

That some time in the month of April following this deponent was called out as a private militia man in a company commanded by Captain William Fancher of Poundridge aforesaid in which Jehrel Bouton of the same town was a Lieutenant that said company joined the troops under the command of general Arnold and marched against the British after the burning of Danbury in the State of Connecticut and overtook and attacked them at Bridgefield in the said state and pursued them until they embarked at a point to the east of Norwalk in said state when the said company returned home. That the whole of this service was performed in a few days.

That in the summer of 1777 the deponent removed with his father from Poundridge to the Town of South Salem in the said county of Westchester and after then removed and during the same summer he was called into service again as a milita man to defend Fort Montgomery which was taken before the company could reach it after which the company marched to Peekskill in said county – that

the deponent then remained in service one month—That captain Abijah Gilbert commanded the said last mentioned company which was attached to the regiment commanded by the aforesaid Col. Thomas.

That in the fall of 1778 he joined a volunteer company for three months service under the command of Capt. Samuel Lewis of Poundridge in which Jehriel Bouton Junior was an ensign and that he served the three months in the said company.

That shortly after he was discharged from said last mentioned company and in the spring of 1779 he this deponent enlisted in a volunteer company of cavalry commanded by the aforesaid Captain Samuel Delevan.

That the lines between the American & British lines run through the county of Westchester and continued during the whole war. That the British were stationed at Morrisionia on the south side of the lines and made frequent incursions into the American lines for the purpose of taking forage horses provisions and other property and during the whole war engaged and plundered the inhabitants.

That Delevan's company of horse was raised for the purpose of meeting the enemy at every point more speedily than could be done by infantry in order to repel the enemy and secure the country from their incursions.

That the company were bound to rally at a moment's warning and were kept together at every time as long as was necessary.

That these inroads of the enemy were frequent and continued to the end of the war. That the said company had many skirmishes with the enemy in which they uniformly repelled them.

That the enemy continued in the said county until a day or two before the evacuation of New York when the said company was discharged—that the said last mentioned company was attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Thomas aforesaid.

That deponent never enlisted in the Continental Army but served in a militia or volunteer company of the New York Militia for the times above set forth.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service aforesaid. That he is not on any pension roll and he hereby relinquishes every claim to any other pension than the one under the act of June 7th 1832.

That deponent was well acquainted with the said Samuel and Daniel Delevan. That the said Daniel was a captain in the continental army towards the close of the war was well acquainted with Abraham Leppet now of the City of New York who was a Lieutenant in the Continental Army and was frequently in the county of Westchester during the Revolutionary War. The deponent was also acquainted with Benjamin Smith of New York who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War with Col. Elisha Sheldon who commanded a regiment of horse and Benjamin Talmage who was a major in the same regiment.

That deponent is now old and infirm and cannot recollect things with as much accuracy as he could some. (Signed) Benajah Bouton.

Sworn to and Subscribed this second day of December AD 1833 before me. Moses Rolph, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk.

Letter in folder dated April 24, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23133, it appears that Benajah Bouton was born October 31, 1780 in Poundridge, Westchester County, New York and

lived there until the summer of 1777, when he moved with his father (name not stated) to South Salem, Westchester County, New York, remained one year and returned to said Poundridge.

He enlisted and served as a private in the New York troops as follows:

In 1776, served three months in Captain Samuel Delevan's Company of Rangers, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment and was in the battle of Throg's Neck.

Soldier also stated that he was "actually engaged at the battle of Kings Bridge on York Island under the command of Colonel Gibbs and in 'The Washington Guards' ". He was also in the battle of Ward's House, near East Chester.

He enlisted April 7, 1777, served a short time in Captain William Fansher's Company and was in the battles of Ridgefield and Saugatuck.

In the summer of 1777 and served one month in Captain Abijah Gilbert's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment.

In the fall of 1778 and served three months in Captain Samuel Lewis' Company.

He volunteered in the spring of 1779 in Captain Samuel Delevan's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment of Westchester Rangers, was out on frequent tours, amounting to about one half of his time, guarding the lines and protecting the inhabitants, was in the battle of Bedford, New York, several skirmishes and served until in November 1783.

Pension was allowed on account of his services.

After the Revolution he lived in Brooklyn, New York City and Huntington, New York. He died October 2, 1838 on his farm at Huntington, Suffolk County, New York.

Soldier was survived by his widow Ruth who died June 12, 1841. Her maiden name and date of marriage not given.

In 1824 the following children were living; Amos, Samuel, James, Benajah, Richard, Sophia Bouton and Maria Bouton.

In 1858 Samuel was living in Brooklyn, New York, Sophia Bouton in Huntington (West Neck), New York, James in same place, and Maria the wife of Lewis Brush, also in the same place.

Soldier had a sister, Chloe Brewster living in Brooklyn, New York in 1833.

This bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his services, and a careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file on account of the services of a Samuel Bouton as described by you.