

Pension Application for Moses Bouton

S.23546

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester now sitting at Bedford in the said county Moses Bouton a resident of the Town of South Salem in the said County of Westchester aged seventy five years (on the second day of April 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 on or about the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy five. He this deponent enlisted at Salem as a private in the said county of Westchester (now South Salem) in a company of Volunteers raised by Capt Joseph Benedict for the period of five months and served during the whole of his aforesaid term of enlistment. That the other officers of said company were Samuel Sackett first Lieutenant and Gould Bouton Second Lieutenant.

That said company belonged and was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. James Holmes of Bedford in said county. That shortly after said enlistment this deponent with his company marched from Salem aforesaid to Peekskill in said County where they embarked on board a sloop & sailed to Albany where they landed and marched from there to Half Moon Point, Now Lansingburgh on the Hudson River where deponent with his company drew each regimental Coat & arms.—They then marched to Fort George and from thence to Ticonderoga thence to Fort St. Johns by water which fort was taken by the American troops (of which the company to which deponent belonged) was a part. Fort St. John's capitulated to the American Army then under the command of Gen. Montgomery—from thence this deponent went with his company to Laprarie in Canada.

That Capt. Joseph Benedict of this deponent's Company with one Major Tuthill (after the British had evacuated Montreal) returned to Ticonderoga and this deponent with Lewis Stebbins a private in the same company with this deponent (now of New Canaan in the State of Connecticut) and several others rowed them down to Ticonderoga—after staying some days at Ticonderoga this deponent with a sergeant & file of men were ordered and did convey the sick from Ticonderoga up Lake George to Fort George to the hospital there. When this deponent's aforesaid & his enlistment having expired all but a few days the commanding officer at Fort George gave this deponent written permission (in consequence of his feeble situation) to return home, but this deponent did not receive any written discharge neither can this deponent now find his aforesaid permission.

That this deponent afterwards drew his full pay as a private in the aforesaid company for his said five months enlistment.

That about the month of May AD 1776. This deponent enlisted as a private for six months in a company of volunteers (at Salem in said county) commanded by Captain Henry Slawson of Salem aforesaid and this deponent faithfully served as a private in said last mentioned company during his last enlistment for six months, and was discharged at the expiration of his said enlistment of his said enlistment at Peekskill in the said County of Westchester under the following circumstances viz about a week before his said six months expired he was sick with a fever sore on his leg so that he could only act as a cook when the regiment to which this deponent belonged & was ordered over the Hudson River and his captain gave him verbal permission to return home where he was under the hands of a physician during the month following—

That said last mentioned company to which this deponent belonged & in which he served was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Drake. That the services rendered by said company last mentioned during the said six months were as follows. Viz. They were at New York when the British took New York & were in the engagement on Long Island and came out with the American Army to Kings Bridge & from there to White Plains & from there to Peekskill and was with Genl Washington's Army will this deponent was permitted to return home as aforesaid, and then deponent further saith – That before the taking of Burgoyne and as this deponent believes in April A.D. 1777. (but he cannot precisely recollect) he entered as a private at Salem in said County of nine months in a company of volunteers commanded by Capt'n Richard Sackett of Bedford in the said County of Westchester and this deponent faithfully served as a private in said last mentioned company during the whole of his said enlistment of nine months last mentioned and was discharged verbally by expiration of enlistment at or near TarryTown in the said company of Westchester.

That the said last mentioned Company belonged to a regiment commanded by Col. Graham & this deponent with his said last mentioned company were stationed at White Plains in the said county when Genl Gates came there with his army after the taking of Burgoyne.

And this deponent further saith that afterwards but in what year this deponent cannot now state he enlisted at Salem aforesaid as a private for three months in a company as a private for three months in a company of volunteers commanded by Capt Beng'n Stevens & this deponent served faithfully as a private in said company for his said last enlistment of three months. That said last mentioned company served the whole of said three months as a guard on the lines on the said county of Westchester, but to what regiment it belonged this deponent is unable to state as the rest of the regiment were on the Hudson River.

And this deponent further saith that afterwards but at what particular time this deponent cannot state he this deponent with Valentine Wilson now of the town of Thompson in Sullivan County in the State of New York was ordered by Captn Pardee of the militia to whose company this deponent belonged to go & join a Major's command of Infantry of about 300 men stationed at TarryTown in said County of Westchester. That this deponent with the said Valentine Wilson did accordingly join themselves to the said command and company commanded by one Captain Stuts and there under the command of said captain and one Major Hulls this deponent as a private (with such Wilson) served and did duty there for one month the time they were ordered to serve and then left with the verbal permission of the commanding officer.

That this deponent served during said month principally as a guard over the commissarys [sic] stores.

That this deponent received full pay for all of his aforesaid services excepting the month last mentioned. That the aforesaid Lewis Stebbins (then of Salem in said County) but now of New Canaan in Connecticut served during the whole time of time of this deponents four first enlistments (of five months, six months, nine months & three months) as a private in the same companies with this deponent.

That the aforesaid Valentine Wilson served with this deponent in the same company during the whole of this deponent's aforesaid one month service and can testify to the same facts this deponent has above stated. That this deponent has a record of his age at home in his Bible. That this deponent was born at Norwalk in the State of Connecticut and moved from there to Salem in said County of Westchester when he was seven years old—where this deponent has resided ever since, except his absences on duty during the Revolutionary War—and always enlisted at Salem aforesaid. That this deponent never received any written discharge neither has he any writing in relation to his aforesaid enlistments or services. That this deponent is know in his present neighbourhood to the Hon. Ezra Lockwood of Poundridge one of the Judges of the aforesaid Court and to Coll. Joseph Benedict of South

Salem in the said County of Westchester who can testify as to this deponent's age his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and Declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Moses Bouton

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. N. Bayles, Clk