

## Pension Application for Aaron Bump

S.12380

State of New York  
Saratoga County SS.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Saratoga now sitting Aaron Bump a resident of the town of Galway in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy one years on the sixth day of July 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That in the year of seventeen hundred and eighty he lived with his father at a place then called White Creek in the County of Albany now the County of Washington and State of New York that in the forepart of March of seventeen hundred and eighty, there was a requisition of the State of New York to raise a company of soldiers by drafts from the militia of the said County of Washington to guard the Northern frontier of said State of New York, and which time he was one of the soldiers so drafted, that he marched from white Creek by the way of Salem Hebron, and Granville Scheensborough at the head of Lake Champlain, where he entered the service in the aforesaid company of Drafted Militia, under the command of Lieutenant William Powell and Ensign Henry Loop, does not recollect of any other commissioned officer at Scheensborough except a commissary, thinks his name was Dugan, that about the twenty first or twenty second day of March aforesaid, Ensign Henry Loop the orderly sergeant, by the name of William G. Woodworth, together with himself, David Seely, Robert Thomas, David Norton, Ephraim Besse, William Grey, William Blowers, James Ketch, and some five or six others were taken prisoners (at Scheensborough aforesaid) by a part of Indians and Tories, Consisting of about sixty or seventy Indians, three or four Frenchmen, and a Tory by the name of Joseph Bettis, at which time the Indians killed one of our soldiers by the name of Nathaniel Beeve, also killed and skelped and an [?] man and women who had came to camp to sell eggs and other same, when the Indians incamped the first night he and the other prisoners were in chains and amongst other cruelties on a severe cold night he and the other prisoners were told they were going home and was taken out of Prison and put on the deck of a ship and kept there all night without any fire, may of whome frose [whom froze] their feet and hands, the next day they were put back in Prison, from this prison he was taken and put on board a prison ship at a place (thinks) called St. Patrick's [?] where he and other prisoners were lowered to half a pint of peas per day which they soaked in water and eat said for the want of apparatus to cook them, and by reason of his cruel treatment and hard sufferings he got the scurvy and when in that situation and when on board of said ship he was taken with a fever then called the black fever, with which fever, the greater part of the time from four to six weeks he was deprived of his senses, having no other bed but that of a blanket, wearing his skin and flesh from his bones, from thence he was taken to the hospital, and from the hospital taken and put on board of a ship opposite Quebeck, from thence he and other prisoners were taken to a French settlement about sixty miles below Quebeck where he remained a prisoner to the end of the war, when a British ship came and took him and other prisoners to New York where he and other prisoners were put on board of American Vessel and landed at Dob's ferry on the North River above New York and that he never received any written discharge and that by reason of his imprisonment, Illness, Cruel treatment &c his constitution and limbs was and now is much impaired, his feet legs and joints ever since his imprisonment have been cold [?] and stiffened. That he was in the service and imprisonment as aforesaid for three years and about eight months he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no other surviving witness to prove his services and imprisonment other than those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

Has no record of his age, was living at White Creek thence to the County of Albany, now County of Washington, when called into the service, was born in Bakemans Patten in the County of Dutchess and the State of New York on the sixth day of July seventeen hundred and sixty one as he always

understood & now believes since the revolutionary war lived in the towns of White Creek and Cambridge in the County of Washington until about forty years since, when he moved to Galway in the County of Saratoga where he now lives, he was drafted when called into the service, there was not any troops at Scheensborough at the time he entered the service or at the time he was taken prisoner, excepting the company of Militia Commanded by Lieutenant William Powell and Ensign Henry Loop, and a Commissary, thinks his name was Dugan. The general circumstances of his service is stated in the above declaration.

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.

I am known in my present neighborhood by Elder Maxson Mosher Ebenezer Couch, Isaac [?] Esqr, Coddington [?] John Pettit, Joseph Brewster. (Signed with his mark) Aaron Bump

Sworn and subscribed to in open court the day and year aforesaid. Thomas Palmer, Clerk