

## Pension Application for Joseph Bump

S.15028

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On the eighteenth day of August 1932 in open court before the Court of Chancery now sitting at Saratoga Springs personally appeared Joseph Bump a resident of Greenfield in said County aged seventy seven years the seventh day of August instant 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the eleventh day of August 1775, being on that day twenty years of age, he enlisted in Captain James Rosekrans' Company, Lieutenant was Thomas Gee, Second Lieutenant was William Algin in a regiment of the New York Militia for five months. He enlisted at Fishkill in Dutchess [spelled Dutchess throughout the document, but it is Dutchess] County. The company was raised in that vicinity. The Captain and first Lieutenant always lived there, the Second Lieutenant was a seafaring man. He was an indenture apprentice to the weaver's mate to Henry Cornell of Fishkill and by entering enlisting into the service last what Cornell had agreed to give him, which was two suits of clothes and a [?] and tackling. Cornell even kept his clothes. As soon as the company was fitted and a few days after the enlistment, the company embarked on board a sloop and came to Albany. The company lay in tents a week at Albany. The rest of the regiment then marched to the north before he reached Albany. When the company left Fishkill, they expected to join the regiment at Albany, but while the company lay at Albany orders came from General Schuyler, that the company should commence repairing the roads between Albany and Lake George, and accordingly the company marched to Stillwater and began to repair the bridges and roads and continued to repair as far north as Fort Miller, when the company was ordered to Lake George and did march to Lake George. The rest of the regiment had gone on to St. Johns while the company lay at Lake George Gen. Schuyler came to the fort and told the troops that S. Johns was taken. This was the first news they had of the capture of St. Johns—

The company were then ordered back to Fort Miller and there continued to work on the roads and bridges till the first day of January 1776, when he was discharged. He had a written discharge from Captain Rosekrans he kept this discharge till after the war was over, but it is now lost.

The company never joined the regimen to which they belonged, they even discharged at Fort Miller and received their pay at Albany from the Captain, he never was acquainted with the Col. who commanded the Regiment and he does not now recollect his name.

In February 1776 he enlisted at Fishkill under Captain Israel Veal, Lieutenant was James Humphrey, Colo. Cornelius Murphey commanded the Regiment and Henry VanRensselaer was Lieutenant Colonel. Payne was Major. The Regiment was mustered at Fishkill and marched to White Plains in March and lay on the lines till the term of the service (being six weeks) expired and were on the last of March discharged at White Plains by Regiment. The march was only two days from Fishkill to White Plains.

In the spring of 1776, he hired out for six months to labor on a farm for the next neighbour to his old master and labored for him till July when it was reported that a party of Tories at Nine Partners about twelve miles distant had risen against the state and were five hundred strong. The militia all turned out to put down the Tories, and after they had been secured by guard, he first heard the Declaration of Independence read. It was read by a Sergeant of a Company of Rangers by the name of Swartout who had enlisting orders from the Captain. He then enlisted for four months in the company. William Clark was Captain Lieutenant's name was Wait. The company had but one Lieutenant. There was another company of Rangers raised at the same time commanded by Capt. Smith. Three companies

were raised as he was then told by order of Congress. He enlisted for four months. The head quarters for the Rangers were at Fishkill and Poughkeepsie. The companies were mostly engaged in watching the Tories and making prisoners and made a number of prisoners of them. When his time had expired within two days, he went along with a company of Militia as guard for a number of Tory prisoners to Worcester in Massachusetts. This party of Tories had been taken at different times by the Rangers and kept under guard at Fishkill till they were marched off to Worcester. He received no discharge from the Rangers.

After his return from Worcester he hired out to labor on a farm at Perguague? 18 miles east of Fishkill to John Vinson and after that hired to labor for William Humphrey of the same place and lived with Humphrey till 1780 and lived in the vicinity of Fishkill till the war was over.

He was not in the service after he left the Rangers, except when on a [?] alarm all the militia were called out. He was at Peaks-kill when the British shipping came up the river and when Fort Montgomery was taken General Putnam was at Fishkill when Fort Montgomery was taken. He the applicant was then under command of John Chaplin in Col. VanDenburgh's Regiment. He was then only called out on alarm.

He has no documentary evidence of his services. He knows no person whose testimony he can procure to his service except William Shaw of Granfield now a pensioner about eighty years old and blind, who knew him at White Plains.

To the questions propounded he answers, he was born in Dutchess County in the State of New York at a place called before the war Beekman's Precinct, but he believes the place is now called Bahman, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1755. He has no record of his age. He lived at Fish-kill when he entered the service. After the Revolutionary War he lived on Long Island about one year, he then removed to the Nine Partners in Dutchess County and lived there about five years. He then removed to Renssellar-ville in the County of Albany and lived there three years, and then removed to Saratoga County & has lived there ever since.

He enlisted as above set forth. He has stated the names of the officers as far as he recollects.

He never received but one discharge as above stated.

He knows Wm. Day Clergymen of Greenfield is the nearest Clergyman he is acquainted with Stafford Lapham PostMaker of Greenfield is well acquainted with him and can testify to his character for veracity.

He relinquishes all claims to any other pension except the present. His name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Bump

Subscribed & Sworn the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832. G.M. Davison, Clerk in Chancery

Letter in folder dated June 11, 1840, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Joseph Bump, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.15028, based upon the military service in that war of Joseph Bump.

Joseph Bump was born August 11, 1755, in Beekman Precinct, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York. Joseph Bump enlisted August 11, 1775, served as private in Captain James Rosekrans' New York Company, and was discharged January 1, 1776. He enlisted in February 1776, and served six weeks as private in Captain Israel Veal's Company, Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's New York Regiment. He enlisted in July 1776, and served four months as private in Captain William Clark's New York Company. He also served on alarms in Captain Joshua Champlin's Company, Colonel VanDeburgh's New York Regiment.

After the Revolutionary War he lived on Long Island, about a year, then moved to Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, about five years later he moved to Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York, and three years later he moved to Saratoga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 18, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York.

There are no family data.