

Pension Application for Alpheus Bush

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State of New York

Steuben County SS

On this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Henry L. Williams one of the Judges on Court of common Pleas of the County of Steuben, Alpheus Bush a resident of the Town of [Tyron?] in the County of Steuben who being 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 was born in the Town of Woodbridge in the County of Essex in the State of New Jersey on the fourth of April 1755 and resided there until seven years of age and then removed with his father & family to Somerset County where he resided until after the close of the Revolutionary War. That the British troops lay at New Brunswick until fall and [???] sometime in the fall of 1776 he thinks his [?] ordered out as a militia [?] under Captain Philip Van Arsdale and marched to Elizabeth –Town Point and then done duty three months. That while the English Troops lay at New Brunswick the wagons and horses of his father were pressed into the service of the Continental army and he the said Alpheus went with them to a place called Bound Brook and continued there and in that neighborhood three months carrying supplies for the army. Those there before or after this period he cannot say but thinks it was in the summer or fall of the Monmouth battle, he performed a tour of service of nine months at Elizabeth Town [?] in Captain John Sebring and [???] captain Isaac VanTuyle he thinks and Major Bruyen [?] and Freelinghausen that the war [?] affair at Springfield in New Jersey [?] skirmish the town having been fired and the enemy beaten before the troops to which he was attached arrived on the ground. In this service he was under the command of Captain VanTuyle and put about one week, a few days after that he was ordered out on a months tour of duty and performed it at Powles-hook under the said VanTuyle. After this he was again on [?] John Wouth but at what precise time he cannot remember. Towards the close of the war the British occupied New York but he cannot remember particulars as to time, he was again ordered out and served under the same captain and performed the tour of duty [???] called [???] at Perth Amboy that season and under the same officers commanding. That he further hereby states that his bodily [???] are such that he cannot attend in open court to make this declaration without great inconvenience, and pain in consequence of weakness in his limbs and without otherwise endangering his health he being subject to [?] in the head to that degrees as something [?] exertion to confine him to his bed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Alpheus Bush

Sworn and subscribed this 5th day of December 1832 before me. Henry S.Williams