

Pension Application for Frederick Bush

S.12397

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster in the State of New York now sitting Frederick Bush a resident of the town of Marbletown in the said county of Ulster, and State of New York aged 71 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 7, 1832.

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

In answer to the first Interrogatory? The said Frederick Bush declares that he was born in the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York in the year 1762 was baptized.

To the 2d Interrogatory.

The said Frederick says that the record of his age is contained in the Book of Bablesmal [Baptismal] records of Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of the said Town of Marbeltown.

In answer to the third Interrogatory? The said Frederick Bush says that when he was called into service he lived in the town of Marbletown in the said County and State and has ever since lived there.

And the said Frederick Bush declares that early in the spring of the year 1777 he voluntarily enlisted in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain Frederick Schoonmaker, in Colonel Pawling's Regiment in the capacity of a private soldier, that the said enlistment was for six months. That this service was guarding the prisoners confined in the Jail in the Village of Kingston and on board of prison ships & sloops laying in the Rondout Creek at a place then called the Strand about two miles south of the Village of Kingston in the County of Ulster.

That he the said Frederick served in said Company in said 1777 for the full term of six months and until he was discharged verbally, that he has no documentary evidence of this service and for proof of the truth of his statements, would beg leave to refer to the affidavit of John A. Dewitt Esquire.

That there were no Regular Officers nor Continental Regiments stationed at Kingston, and that the militia were all gone. Some to Fort Montgomery and the Rest to the North against General Burgoyne.

And the said Frederick further declares that he volunteered in the year 1778 as a private in the company commanded by Captain Philip Swart in Colonel Pawling's Regiment of Militia, and served in said company for the term of three months, stationed part of the time in the town Warsink in a picket fort, and the residue of said term in Shandaken and Marbletown that he has no written discharge nor documentary evidence and knows of no living witness of this service.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. E. Slopes, First Judge &c. Wells Lake, Abm. A. Deyo, Henry Wynkoop, Samuel Stilwell