

## **Pension Application for Zachariah Bush**

S.12376

Declaration, In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Otsego SS.

On this tenth day of August 1832, personally appeared before James C. Walworth Esqr a Judge of the County of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego aforesaid, Zachariah Bush a resident of the town of Burlington in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged ninety four 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

1<sup>st</sup> he resided at Fishkill in the State of New York in the time of the Revolutionary War. That in the fall of the year 1776 in the alarm after the Battle of White Plains he was called out in Captain George Brinkerhoof's company in Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoof's regiment of New York State Militia and marched to the Barracks at Fishkill and remained there on guard about 10 days and was dismissed again in the same fall he was called out on an alarm (when the British Shipping were expected up the North River) under the same officers to Fishkill to guard the stores he served at this time about 4 weeks and was discharged or dismissed.

He was called out the third time to Fishkill in December of the same year under the same officers on an another alarm and served about two weeks & was dismissed.

He does not recollect of seeing any Continental officers at Fishkill during these terms of service but thinks that the militia officers had command there. About two weeks before the British took Fort Montgomery he was called out one week on a general alarm under the same officers as before to go to West Chester and again a little before Fort Montgomery was taken he was called out on an alarm & was marched to Peekskill from thence to Esopus (when the British burnt Esopus) thence back to Fishkill he served at this time six weeks under the same officers as before, during said was time not recollected, he served one day under Capt. George Brinkerhoof in pursuing and searching for the Tories that Robbet Judge John Jay's House (since Governor Jay) we took one of them by the name of Jenkins who was trying to escape we shot him through the head and took him & with his 30<sup>th</sup> weight of silver plate and 3 silver pitted swords 2 Brass? Of Pistols & 2 fowling pieces we found, and broke up them [?] in the highlands, and the others made their escape, and we restored the plate to Judge Jay. Also one day under the same officer in pursuing the tories that hung Gerrit Storm an old blind man who was rich, in order to rob him, they were routed before they had finished their work and the old man was cut down and his life saved.

Also two days under the same Captain in taking Jabe Smith and Israel Washburn two notorious Tories who were condemned to be hung in Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie] and afterwards pardoned.

In the month of March 1777 before Peekskill was burnt by the British and when Colonel Willet commanded there, he was ordered out by Colonel Abraham Crinkerhoof as a Patrol in Captain George Brinkerhoof's company of Militia in which he was a Sergeant in this as he was also in all the aforesaid service and he served as a patriot under his said captain in watching For the Tories and British Spies which infested and plundered the country, and continued in the service as a Patrol in the country about Peekskill and Fishkill and in the Highlands for the term of at least six months and this was before the before mentioned term of six weeks at the Burning of Esopus while in this patrol service he saw General Washington at Hopewell and also at Fishkill and he also saw General Arnold at Fishkill when he came down from the northern army after this 6 months Patrol service had expired he was on guard there at the time but he cannot particularize the service.

He volunteered at the request of General Swartwout the time not recollected under Captain Horton and Captain Brinkerhoof to go to Worcester in the State of Massachusetts as one of a guard of 30 to guard 70 Tories who were prisoners and sent them to be imprisoned and he was in this service one month and it was performed about the time of the Battle of White Plains.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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. (Signed with his mark) Zachariah Bush.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, James Wolworth a Judge of Otsego County Courts.

Letter in the file dated March 13, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.12376 it appears that Zachariah Bush, while a resident of Fishkill, New York enlisted in the fall of 1776 and served at various times ten and one half months in all, as a Sergeant under Captains George Brinkerhoff and Horton and Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff in the New York Troops. He was at the burning of Esopus.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 10, 1832 while living in Burlington, Otsego County, New York aged ninety-four years. He died January 1, 1834 in Otsego County, New York.

The name of his wife is not stated. His son John Z. was a resident of Hartwick, Otsego County, New Your in 1851.