

Pension Application for William Bussing

W.23734 (Widow: Susannah) Married in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York, March 18, 1792, William Bussing and Susannah Odell. William died March 2, 1836 in the City of New York.

State City & County of New York SS.

On this sixteenth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Marine Court of the City of New York now sitting William Bussing a resident of said City who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he is seventy six years of age on the 11th day of January last past, that he was born in the said City of New York in the 11th day of January 1756 according to the tradition of his family that he has a written record of his age to wit the family bible that he entered the service of the United States in July 1776 for six months in Captain James Alner's Company in the 2d Regiment New York State troops of Infantry commanded by Colonel Malcolm & served the full period of 6 months & more, that soon after his said enlistment his Captain Alner was promoted Major & then Henry Brazier was made his Captain.

That he was attached to said company under Brazier on the 15th Sepr 1776 when the American Army was driven out of New York by the British. That during saith 6 months he was at the battles of Long Island, Harlaem Heights & White Plains.

That in the summer of 1780 he again entered into said service at Poughkeepsie in the said State of New York for three months in Colonel Philip VanCourtlandt's Regiment of New York Infantry in Captain Leonard Conklin's Company & continued in said service said 3 months doing duty on the lines at or near Fishkill.

That in the Spring of 1781 he entered a volunteer for six months in Captain Theodosius Fowler's Company of light infantry in Col. P. VanCourtlandt's Regiment of New York troops under the orders of the Marquis LaFayette being then at Poughkeepsie and marched with his said company & Col. Van Courtlandt down to West Point & Kingsbridge & crossed over to Bergen in New Jersey was engaged in several skirmishes & returned to Poughkeepsie where he was discharged—that his said discharge was soon lost.

That in the summer of 1777 he was also engaged in the Government service for more than 3 months in making & putting down chevaux-de-frize in the North River at the highlands—That Theodosius Fowler his old Captain & Peter Tillon his fellow soldier are now living in this city & can testify to part of his said services from their personal knowledge—

That besides the two gentlemen above named he is well known to Aldermen Henry Meigs Alderman John Palmer & many others who can & will testify to his character for veracity, & his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution—that he has no documentary evidence—that he now lives & has lived since the Revolution in the City of New York.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) Wm. Bussing.

Sworn to & subscribed this 18th day of October 1832 in open court. J.M. Barberie Clerk