

Pension Application for Moses Calkin or Calkins

S.12426

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

State of Pennsylvania

County of Bradford SS.

On this eleventh day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Bradford aforesaid Moses Calkins a resident of the Township of Burlington in the said County of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That when an apprentice of the age of twenty years he was directed by his master to go with horses to assist in carrying and transporting the arms and luggage of the six months militia from the little nine partners in Dutchess [Dutchess] County, New York to Rhinebeck and and [sic] when arrived there he engaged in the service as a substitute for the term of six months in the place of a man of the name of Atwood, (whose given name he does not now recollect) a drafted militia man.

That he entered and was enrolled in a company commanded by Captain John Stewart, Lieuts John Hardenberg and John Seton and Ensign Bishop, in the Regt commanded by Colo Morris or Austin Graham of Great Nine Partners—

On entering the service he immediately went on board of the shipping at Rhinebeck and went dot the river to Westchester on Hudsons river, and there engaged in building barracks and other service in garrison, and continued at that station most of the time during the six month[s]—During the time of his continuance there he joined a detachment that was ordered to march to East river on News that the British troops were landing near a place which he thinks was called Crumpo—on that occasion there were three English men of war lay at anchor there in full view—On the appearance of the American troops the enemy retired on board of the ships.

This declarant entered the service about the latter part of September or as near as he can recollect—and the above occurrence too place about three months afterwards.

On this occasion he saw Gen. Washington, Gen. St. Clair and he thinks Gen. Sullivan.

He was out o this detachment about a fortnight and then returned to the garrison and thence shortly after he was ordered to Peekskill, and was stationed on the highlands about a mile from Peekskill and remained there until he was discharge[d] at the end of the six months, and returned home. His discharge was in writing, but he was not aware of any necessity of preserving it and he has no knowledge what became of it.

When he entered the service he was living in little nine partners at a place called oblong.

His engagement was as near as he can recollect in the year 1776. His discharge was given to him by Lieut. Seton but who wrote or signed it he does not know on the spring the year he thinks in the month of March in the year 1778 he enlisted in the service for two months in the company of Capt. Brinton Paine, in the service of teamster for transporting forage, military stores and provisions, for the army in various part of the country. In which service he continued for the two months.

He went with his team to Peekskill frequently also to the Highlands Westchester and various other places as the occasions of the army required. His wages was the same as the soldiers generally— at the end of the two months he was discharged by Capt. Paine and he again returned home.

In the fore part of October following in the said year 1778 he again enlisted for two months in the Connecticut line or Militia, in the company commanded by Capt. Roger Moore, of Salsbury, Litchfield County Connecticut. His service was that of waiter to Capt Moore—soon after his engagement he marched with the company through Danbury New Milford, Bedford and other places in Connecticut, the names of which he does not recollect, to Long Island Sound, Danbury had previously been burnt, he thinks the same year, after coming into the neighbourhood of the sound, he and the other soldiers were

billeted among the inhabitants. He passed the town of Norfolk [Norwalk] near the sound; it was yet smoking in its ruins when he passed that place. The object of this expedition was to guard the inhabitants from the depredations and marauding of the tories and landings of the enemy.

In the spring following as he thinks, at all events in the spring of the year that the British sailed up the North River and broke through the chain stretched across the river at West Point, he enlisted for one year in a company of Rangers at little nine partners, aforesaid under Lieut John Bull. He and the company engaged as a kind of band of minute men, to serve when called for during the year. His actual service during this year was rising of two months.

He was called out on one expedition about the first of April to Livingstons Manor, Canterhook, Fishkill and various other places about the country.

The object of the expedition was to protect the inhabitants from the depredations of the tories and to take and make prisoners of the latter. The British had sailed up to the highlands in come forces, and the tories became excited and encouraged to rise in opposition to the cause of the revolution during this expedition he assisted in taking a number of the tories prisoners several on Livingstons Manor, who were sent off to the log jail I the nine partners near Cantlies Store and the red meetinghouse. He was engaged on this tour between 3 & 4 weeks.

In the fall about September he was again called out on service under the same enlistment to guard the prisoners in the log jail above mentioned, and continued one month.

There was also several other times during the year that he was called out on short expeditions in cases of alarm from the tories and other operations of the British which was but for a few days each, and the particulars of which he cannot at this time remember most of his services after the first six months were of such local and desultory return and in such small detachments, that they did not afford him an opportunity of seeing or being acquainted with many officers and none of the superior officers. He farther saith that he was born near Morrison in Oblong, Dutches [Dutchess] county, New York the 8th Feby 1757.

That he has a record of his age in his family bible at his home in Burlington.

Soon after the war he removed to Duanesborough in Albany County were he resided about nine years: after which he removed from thence, to the place where he now resides at which place he has lived every since.

The said Moses Calkins states that the Hon. Edward Herrick President of the said Court The Hon. John McKean associate Judge of said court Gen. Saml McKean Secy of State of [?] Miron Ballard Esqr, James Long Merchant, Nathaniel Allen Esqr, John Gamage, Nathaniel and John Ballard, Col. Joseph Kingsbery and many others to whom he is well known can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He farther states that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. (Signed) Moses Calkin

Sworn and Subscribed to in open Court the 11th day of December A.D. 1832. J. B. Bull
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of said County