

Pension Application for Benjamin Cox

S.2463

State of Ohio

Warren County SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in the county of Warren aforesaid Benjamin Cox resident of the said county in the 72d year of his age, who being duly affirmed according to law, doth on his solemn affirmation make the following declaration to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That at the commencement of the revolutionary war this applicant resided in Orange County, State of New York the place of his birth & in the year 1777, whilst the British army was in the city of New York, he was called out in the militia & served as a private in the company of Capt. Faulkneeder (for Faulkner) for the space of two weeks; that a short time afterwards he served three months under the same Captain during which time British attacked Fort Montgomery & took it, but that he, this applicant, providentially made his escape without other injury than contracting a deafness which, more or less, has continued ever since.

The night before Fort Montgomery was attacked this applicant recollects that, although indisposed from the effects of the measles, he was on guard when Major Logan with a party went out as spies, but this applicant stopt them & forbade them to pass; they were in [a] hurry & insisted upon passing the Guard, but this applicant said he would fire on them unless they presented themselves to the officer of the Guard. After some parly & a considerable alarm the officer came & gave them liberty to pass but not without justifying this applicant in stopping them; & Major Logan, on the spot, told his men that this Applicant had done his duty. That in the morning when relieved this Applicant, worn out & fatigued with watching & with nothing to eat for eight of forty hours, laid himself down in the Barracks to get some rest, & slept until he was aroused by the attack & was called out to meet the assailants; the party to which this Applicant was attached called out & lay in ambush & fired several times & then retreated in the Fort where he continued till after dark when he made his escape with Gen^l Clinton who went on before him. That he then went home without his Gun & with scarcely any clothes & in the course of two days returned recruited, & joined the broken Regiments & served to until he was discharged.—

That afterwards, in the year 1778, he was out on another tour of duty, which lasted one week under Capt. Vail, in a campaign against the Indians; that afterwards, in the same year he served for one month under Capt. Felter, & was stationed for the most part of this term, in keeping guard in the Garrison; that afterwards, in the same year, he served for one month under Capt'n Killford whose company, during this campaign, took prisoners some refugees on the river Delaware, where this Applicant, with his companions, was almost starved to death; that afterwards, in the same year, he served another month, under the command of Capt. Owens; that afterwards in the year 1779 he served a campaign of eight months except about two weeks under Capt. Faulkender/or Falkner); that afterwards about the year 1782 he served two months

under Capt. Rush, in Pennsylvania; & that afterwards he was out one month under Capt. Enstow.

He states moreover, that besides the services herein recapitulated he was frequently out in the Militia for a week or ten days at a time.

That when he was drafted under Capt. Rush he resided in Bedford where he continued his residence for about one year & then removed to Orange City, New York & lived there until about the year 1812 when he removed to Franklin County Ohio where he resided about five years & thence removed to his present residence in Warren County where he has continued ever since.

He further states that he is in the 72nd year of his age and that he has no record evidence of it, nor has he any discharge or other documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any witness by whom he can prove his service in the revolution.

That there is no clergyman in his neighborhood to whom he is known; but that he is well known to Nathan Sharp, Henry Valentine, Francis Beedle of his vicinity, by who or with of whom he can prove his character for veracity in that it has his generally reputed & believed, that he this applicant was a soldier of the revolution – And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except to the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Cox

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year afs'd. J. K. Wilds, clk.

Letter in folder dated November 1, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.2463, it appears that Benjamin Cox was born in Orange County, New York, date not stated.

While residing in said county, he enlisted in said county, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops, as follows—

In 1777 about four months in Captain Faulkner's Company; in 1778, one week in Captain Vail's Company; one month in Captain Feltner's Company; one month in Captain Killford's Company; and one month in Captain Owens' Company.

In 1779, eight months in Captain Falukner's Company.

Whiel residing in Bedford, in 1782 he served two months in Pennsylvania, under Captain Rush; and later he served one month under Captain Enslow.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, while a resident of Warren County, Ohio, in the seventy-second year of his age.

There is no data on file as to family.