

Pension Application for Charles Cunningham

S.12661

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this sixth day of March 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting, Charles Cunningham a resident of Hallowell, Upper Canada in said County aged 76 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.

That he enlisted in Beekman Dutchess County New York the first day of June 1775 for the invasion of Canada into the company commanded by Capt Lewis Dubois a private in said company in the Regiment commanded by Colo. James Clinton – the 3d New York Regt in Gen Schuyler's Brigade the whole expedition under the command of Genl Montgomery & marched immediately to Montreal and was at the taking of Montreal & then did duty until the first day of December the term of his enlistment which was for six months having expired when he so enlisted in the same company now under the command of Captain Benschouten—Capt Dubois being made Major and soon marched to Quebec to succeed Arnold and was stationed at Point Lucy opposite Quebec and the Headquarters of the Regt then remained until the 15th April 1776 when we crossed the river and joined Genl Wooster's forces and remained with him about twelve days when received orders to return home when I arrived with my company the 7th June of that year was dismissed and paid off for one year and seven days I was a Private—for which service of One Year & Seven days I ask a Pension.

I was born in Beekman Dutchess Co. N. York April 4, 1751 I have no record of my age except in my family Bible now at home. I lived in Beekman when I was called into service and since the Revolutionary War lived in said Beekman till the year 1797 when I moved to Hallowell Prince Edward County Midland District Upper Canada where I now live & have lived ever since.

I was called into service by voluntary enlistment. My Capts were Lewis Dubois and Alies Benschouten—my lieuts Harry Mott, Alies Benschouten & John Lawrence—my Majors Harry Livingston & Lewis Dubois—Col. James Clinton—I saw Genl Arnold with his troops. General Wooster & his troops at Quebec—My enlistments were for the first period six months—the second period five months—Colonel Clinton --& Doct'r Franklin were in company with us on our return home.

I never received a written discharge—William Cunningham, Joseph Leaven & Sarah leaven who resided in Beekman where I did and my present neighbours all are knowing to my [?]

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) Charles Cunningham

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk