

Pension Application for James Dean (or Benjamin or Eunice)

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act entitled “An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution”, approved on the 15th of May 1828.

I, James alias Benjamin Dean of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie, in the State of New York, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for, and during the war, and continued in the service until the termination thereof; at which period I was a private in Captain Walker’s or Paulding’s company in the Second Regiment of the New York Line. But I have no recollection that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of eighty dollars, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th of May 1778 and I further declare that I was not on the fifteenth day of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States, and further I declare that I enlisted and received my discharge at the close of the war in the name of James Dean—that on my return home from the service I took the name of Benjamin Dean only at the request and solicitation of my mother who for family reasons desired an alteration since which time I had without distinction been called both James and Benjamin.

I further declare that I have received Bounty Land from the State of New York for my Revolutionary Services, and that I sold it, prosecuted and recovered for it as James Dean. I further declare that some months ago I made application to the War Department for a Pension under the act of 1818 not then knowing of the Act of Congress of 1828—that in order to establish my claim I personally called on John Dubois of Poughkeepsie a Revolutionary Pensioner, who recognized me and gave me this affidavit of my services which affidavit is not on file at the War Department I further declare that I was found entitled by the Secretary of War, but hearing then of the Act of 1828 I preferred to avail myself of the provisions which it offered, but from a misconstruction of the forms, which were sent for that purpose, I was induced to believe that it was necessary to obtain the testimony of two persons who were personally acquainted with my services and it was not until lately I learned that this was not required. I further declare that the Discharge I received at the close of the War has been long either lost or destroyed.—

Witness my hand this third day of February 1830.

(Signed with his mark) James alias Benjamin Dean

Before me, Joseph I. Borst, A Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Schoharie in the State of New York.