

Pension Application for Benjamin Gardner

R.3911

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

State of Ohio

Brown County

On this 29th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of Brown County Ohio now sitting Benjamin Gardner a resident of Byrd Township in said County of Brown aged seventy two 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 the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the first day of March 1776 he enlisted as a private soldier for ten months in Albany county New York with Capt. Cornelius Vansanford of said county and served in the New York State line in the Regiment commanded by Col. Windup - Lieut Col. P. Vancourtland who has since served as Lieutenant Governor of the State as he has been informed) the Maj. And other officers not recollected-Captain Vansanford's company officers were 2nd Lieut. Obediah Vaughn first Sergeant James Jones 2nd Cornelius Cummings said Company having never all been collected together he understood that about one half of said company with the first Lieut and Ensign were stationed at Fort Miller on the North River.

The other half of said company with the captain with whom he remained after meeting at Albany were marched to half Moon point—then to Saratoga—then up North river on the west side until we arrived some short distance below fort Edward when we crossed the river and marched up to said fort—from thence to fort George at the south end of Lake George—we then embarked in Batteaus and then went to the North end of Lake George and remained there about one week in taking boats out of the outlet of Lake George and putting them into the river below the falls in order to take them to Fort Ticonderoga which being done this applicant with a part of the company went with boats to the head of Lake Champlain at Skenesborough where we received a small quantity of Provisions and returned back to Ticonderoga—after remaining there about two weeks we were sent back to the North end of Lake George and then stationed at a Blockhouse and remained there until the last of September when we were removed to Skenesborough I was taken sick and received a regular discharge from the Surgeon two weeks before my time expired—having served nine months and a half—my discharge has been lost or mislaid.

On the first of May 1777 he volunteered in Albany County New York (his place or residence) as a private in a drafted company commanded by Captain James Denniston 2nd Lieut John Moon and Sargeants James Jones and John Dye other officers remained at home—said company was placed under the command of Col. John Bequeman—Maj Vanbury in Gen Abraham Tenbrake's Brigade—said company marched from Stephen township Albany County New York to Cambridge on the East side of North river—then to fort Edward from thence a part of our company with this

applicant were sent out on a skirmish at Fort Ann after which we returned to Fort Edward where he remained some time in moving Continental stores until Fort George was evacuated sometime in July—we then retreated to Saratoga where we remained two weeks and then marched to Still Water and then made a stand—we then fell back to Beamus' height and built breast works and there remained until after the last battle with Genl Burgoyne who surrendered at Saratoga on the 17th day of October 1777 after which the Brigade under Genl Tenbroke were discharged after I had served five months and a half—

On the 10th day of May 1778 he again volunteered as a private in Albany County New York and served under Capt. Ichabod Turner Lieut Joel Curtis other officers not remembered in a scouting expedition under Col. Abraham Vanalstine in the neighborhood of Johnstown New York and after having served two months he was again discharged [?] we were not attached to general division of the army.

On about the 15th day of September 1779 he again volunteered and entered the service as first Sargeant in Albany County New York under Captain John Schermerhorn Lieut. Potter on another scouting expedition in the Regiment commanded by Col. Vroman of Schoharry when he served two months and some few days over the number not recollect but he knew well that he served at last two months and was again discharged—making nineteen months services in the whole under the different engagements.

He states further that he received no written discharge for the three last terms he served he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he served he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Answer to interogatories.

To the 1st. I was born in Exeter Township [blank] County in Rhode Island in Sept. 1760.

To the 2nd. I have no record of my age, my father had a record of my age many years ago. I do not know where it is now.

To the 3rd. I lived in Albany County when called into the service and still continued to live there and Rensley County until Nov 1799 when I moved to what is now called Brown County Ohio.

To the 4th. Answered in detail

To the 5th. Genl Philip S. Schuyler – Col. afterwards Genl Wayne Genl Warner Genl Gates Col Morgan afterward s general Genl G. Arnold—Genl Glover are officers of the Continental line with whom he served.

To the 6th I received a discharge for my first tour of nine months and a half which is last given by a surgeon of the Hospital at Fort George. I received no discharge for my other services.

To the 7th. Judge James Moore John Shreeve Abraham Shepherd John Dye Col. Sal Glaze Samuel Cooper Esqr are persons whop whom I am known in my neighbourhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

He states that he cannot at the present time procure the certificate of a Clergyman as to the belief of his service. (Signed with his mark) Benj Gardner

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. G. W. King
Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 11, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

At the person request of Mr. H. W. Jenks, of this city, you are furnished herein the history of Benjamin Gardner, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim R.3711, based upon his military service in that war.

Benjamin Gardner was born in September 1760, in Exeter Township, Rhode Island. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Stephentown, Albany (later Rensselaer) County, New York, Benjamin Gardner enlisted and served with the New York Troops, as follows: from March 1, 1778, nine and one-half months as a private in Captain Cornelius VanSantwoort's Company, Colonel Wynkoop's Regiment from May 1, 1777, five and one-half months as a private in Captain James Dennison's company, Colonel John Beeckman's Regiment; from May 10, 1778, two months as a private in Captain Ichabod Turner's Company, Colonel VanAlstine's Regiment: From Sept. 15, 1779, two months as 1st sergeant in Captain John Schermerhorn's Company, Colonel Vroman's Regiment.

After the Revolution, he resided in Albany and Rensselaer Counties, New York until 1799 or 1800, when he moved to Brown County, Ohio, of which county he was a resident when he was allowed pension on his application executed April 29, 1833.

He died March 1, 1840, in Brown County, Ohio.

The soldier married in October, 1784, or 1785 (both dates were given), at Stephentown, New York, Lucy Hanks. They were married at the home of her brother, Benjamin Hanks. The date and place of her birth and the names of her parents are not shown. In 1840, she was aged seventy-seven years and resided in Brown County, Ohio. The widow stated that [?]teen children were born to them, no names were given.