

**Pension Application for Baltes or Baltus Hochstrasser or Hoghstrasen**

R.5079

State of New York

County of Niagara SS.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in Lockport in and for said county before Nathan Dayton Esquire first Judge and Joel McCollum, Calvin Hotchkiss & Daniel VanHorne, Judges of said court Baltes Hochstrasser aged sixty seven in the month of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he resides in the Township of South District of Niagara and Province of Upper Canada. That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of July 1781 according to the best of his recollection with Lieut Storm Becker and served in the New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett—

He enlisted at Schoharie in the State of New York and he resided at the time of such enlistment at a place called Rensselaerville—he so enlisted for the term of three years and served over two years when he procured Jacob Sweep as a substitute who was accepted as such by Major Fink of said Regiment and this deponent was permitted to leav[e] the service—he received no discharge – he served under Lt. Royal Bingham, Captain Joseph Harrison, Major Andrew Fink and Colonel Willett—that part of the Regiment did not join any other troops while he was in service—

About three months after enlistment the company moved on to the Mohawk River and established winter quarters at Fort Plain where other troops of the same regiment—the Col was absent—the major lived about four miles distant and when not there Capt. Wright commanded the detachment –

This force continued along the Mohawk River through the summer & fall of 1782 and established in winter force of about five hundred was ordered against Oswego—this deponent among the quarters again at Fort Plain—in February 1783 a force of about five hundred was ordered against Oswego—this deponent among the number—it proceeded to within a short distance of the Fort when owing to being misled by the guide a retreat was ordered and the force returned to Fort Plain again—and continued in that vicinity and about Fort Herkimer until he left the service in manner aforesaid—

He was born in January and came to this country when very young—at the time he was in service he was acquainted with Capt. Newell, Lieut Jellis A. Fonda and Adjutant Pliny Moore, after the close of the war this deponent resided at Rensselaerville and Schenectady after he left the service until about thirty years since when he removed ton Canada.

This deponent further says that his substitute afore covered by this deponent was informed and believes until he was discharged.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension of any agency in any State. (Signed) Baltes Hochstrasser

Sworn to and subscribed the third day and year first aforesaid before me. J. M. Collum, Judge of Niagara County Courts.