

Pension Application for Benjamin Payne

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

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this third day of October 1832, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Suffolk, Benjamin Payne, a resident of the town of Southold in the said County of Suffolk and State of New York, aged eighty-one years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776, at the same time with Thomas Hempstead, and several others of the said town for six months, and served in a regiment (the number of which he cannot state) in the New York line under the following named officers, viz, Brigadier General Scott, Brig Major Nicholas Fish, Colonel Drake, Lieut. Col. Halibut, Major Moses Hatfield, Captain Jonathan Bailey, Lieutenant David Horton and Ensign Benjamin King, and this deponent was Orderly Sergeant of the Company.

At the time he entered the service, he resided in the said town of Southold. He at the battle of Long Island and in several skirmishes which took place upon the subsequent retreat of the army.

A few days after the retreat over to New York he with the regiment, marched to Stuyvesant's Meadows to oppose the landing of the British there; from thence to Kingsbridge; thence to White Plains Westchester County; and from thence the regiment went over the Hudson River to Haverstraw—Deponent was present at the battle of White Plains, but just before the Regiment crossed the river, he was taken sick and left near Tarrytown in the hands of the Doctors where he remained sick until after his time had expired, and until some time after the other persons who enlisted with him, had gone home. He then served his full time of six months, and left the service in or about the month of November 1776 (the precise time he cannot state) having enlisted in the month of May previous.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Payne

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joseph R. Huntting, Clk