

Pension Application for Benjamin Reynolds

W.18806 (Widow: Susanna)

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Greene now sitting Benjamin Reynolds of Greenville in the County of Greene and State of New York aged about seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by 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 month of March of the year 1776 he enlisted at Salem in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Henry Stevens in the regiment commanded by Colonel Drake for the period of eight or nine months, that he continued to serve in the said Company and Regiment in different parts of the County of Westchester until December of the same year when he was regularly discharged on; Christmas day at Haverstraw in said state that during this enlistment he was engaged in the battle of White Plains.

That he belonged to General Scotts Brigade. That in January next ensuing he enlisted at Salem aforesaid in the month of January 1777 in Captain Delavans Company of Rangers for the period of five months. That in this service he was in an engagement with Delancy's Corps of Cowboys. That he continued in the service aforesaid until the expiration of his term of enlistment when he was regularly discharge at or near the White Plains in the State of New York.

That in the summer of the same year (1777) he again enlisted at Salem aforesaid for the period of six months that he served in Captain Benjamin Stevens company and was employed in guarding the lines and was regularly discharged at the expiration of his said term of enlistment in the County of WestChester. That early in the summer of the year 1778 he volunteered into the company of Captain Sacket at Salem aforesaid for the period of three months. That he continued in the service in the county of WestChester the expiration of the term of his enlistment when he was regularly discharged. That early in the summer of the year 1779 he volunteered or enlisted at Salem aforesaid into the company commanded by Captain Thomas Hunt for the term of three months which term he faithfully served and was regularly discharge in WestChester County aforesaid.

That in the latter part of the summer or forepart of the fall of said year (1779) he again enlisted at Salem aforesaid into the company commanded by Captain Hyatt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Luddington for the term of four months. That during this service he was engaged in a number of small skirmishes with the enemy and at the expiration of the said term was regularly discharged at Philips Manor in the County of WestChester.

That in the spring of the 1780 entered into the naval service in whale boars cruising on Long Island Sound that he was under the command of Captain Close and continued in this service for six months when he was regularly discharged.

That he was born at South Salem in the County of WestCheser in State of New York in the month of September of the year 1766. That the record of his age was destroyed in his house which was burned in the year 1813 in Greenville where he now resides.

That when called into the service he was living at Salem aforesaid. That that [sic] when he first entered the service he was fifteen years of age.

That he was never drafted but always a volunteer in the service. That in the battle of White Plains he knew Col. Malcomb's Regt and Colonel Thomas Regiment. That to the best of his recollection he never did receive a written discharge but was always discharged on parole by the commanding officer verbally. That he now draws an Invalids Pension of thirty eight collars a year forty cents per year on account of wounds received in a scouting party from Delancy's Corps.

That as at the above time he was out for a short period only it is not mention'd particularly in the above declaration. That as he has long drawn a small pension his is universally known in the town and county where he resides as a Revolutionary Soldier that he thinks he universally sustains the character of a person of veracity wherever he is known. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present of the law requires it and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except the agency of the State of New York. (Signed) Benjamin Reynolds.

Subscribed and sworn in open court September 5th 1832. William V.B. Heermance, Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 16, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.18806, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Benjamin Reynolds.

He was born in September 1760 or 1761 at South Salem, Westchester County, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing at said South Salem, Benjamin Reynolds enlisted and served with the New York troops, as follows—

From March 1776 to December 25, 1776 in Captain Henry Stevens' company, Colonel Drake's regiment, was in the battle of White Plains; from January 1777, five months in Captain Delavan's company, was in an engagement with DeLancy's Corps of Cowboys; again in 1777 six months in Captain Benjamin Stevens' company; in the summer of 1778, three months in Captain Richard Sackett's company; in the summer of 1779, three months in Captain Thomas Hunt's company; again in 1779, four months in Captain Hyatt's Company, Colonel Luddington's regiment. He entered the whale boat service in the spring of 1780 and cruised on Long Island Sound under Captain Close for six months. He later served in Captain Samuel Lawrence's company, Colonel Thaddeus Crane's regiment, was wounded at New Castle, New York,

October 26, 1781, by a musket ball and four buck shots which fractured the bone in his right arm just above the elbow.

This soldier, Benjamin Reynolds, was allowed pension on account of disability resulting from the wound aforesaid mentioned. He was also allowed pension on his application executed, September 5, 1832, then a resident of Greenville, Green County, New York.

Benjamin Reynolds married May 15, 1782 in South Salem, New York, Susanna Murphy. He died May 18, 1842.

His widow, Susanna Reynolds, was allowed pension on the application executed, March 22, 1843, then aged seventy-nine years and living in Greenville, New York.

There is no reference to their children.

Jared Reynolds, brother of this soldier, was seventy-four years of age in 1843 and living in Westerlo, New York.