

Pension Application for Benjamin Runions

S.46342

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution, approved on the fifteenth of May 1828.

I Benjamin Runions (1) now of Madrid in the County of St. Lawrence 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 its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain Bliker or Bleecker's Company (having first enlisted in Capt McKean's (2) Company & served in his and Capt. Fink's (3) Company) in the first battalion of the Regiment commanded by Col. Van Schoick. The number of which I cannot recollect, of the New York line—

And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate 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 pension list of the United States on the fifteenth day of Marcy 1828. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Runions. (4)

In presence of Geo. Redington

End Notes—S.46342—Benjamin Runions

1. Benjamin's pension application was only 9 pages, including the cover sheet. Benjamin gave very few details.
2. Benjamin enlisted on February 1, 1777 for during war in Captain Robert McKean's Sixth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 17, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Captain Andrew Fink commanded the Third Company in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. Captain McKean had resigned on January 29, 1778 as his wife had died and he went home to take care of his family. On January 1, 1781, the First and Third New York were consolidated into one regiment. Captain Leonard Bleecker was transferred to the First New York and Captain Fink retired from the Continental service. Benjamin was transferred to Captain Bleecker's Company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 6, National Archives, Washington, D.C. During Benjamin's service he would have fought in the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778 and served in the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
4. Benjamin was allotted 600 acres on Lot 71 in Township 7 (Manlius) on July 7, 1790. The Balloting Book and Other Documents Relating To Military Bounty Lands In The State of New York, Packard & Benthuyesen, Albany, 1825, page 32.