

## Pension Application for Benjamin Springsteen

R.10019

Amended declaration of Benjamin Springsteen.

On the 29th day of August 1833, personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, in the following grades, for nine months in the year 1778 I served as an artificer for four months in 1779; twenty eight days in 1776; three months in 177-; and twenty eight days at another time I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. And I further swear that all the above services were strictly military, and that my services for chopping wood, stated in the other declaration are not herein included. (Signed) Benjamin Springsteen.

Subscribed and sworn before me the day & year above written. A. V. Schermerhorn. Justice of the Peace

State of New York  
Rensselaer County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty five personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the County of Rensselaer and State of New York.

Benjamin Springsteen a resident of the town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer aged seventy nine 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 Congress passed June 7, 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—viz.

That on the first day of September in the year 1776 he resided in the Town of Coyemans in the County of Albany & State of New York and was then and there drafted as a private in Captain David McCarty's Company & Colonel Vandenberg's Regiment of New York Militia and marched in said Company & Regiment & under the aforesaid officers to Albany and from thence northerly up the Hudson River to a place near Stilwater where he remained encamped with his regiment until the forepart of October when his company & regiment were discharged and he returned to his residence—and that he was actually engaged in military service at the time and in the manner & under the officers aforesaid for a period not less than four weeks.

That on the first day of March 1778 & while he resided at Coyemans aforesaid, he enlisted as a private in Captain Eaton's Company of the New York State troops, in Colonel Wyncoops regiment for the term of nine months; from Coyemans he [?] with his Regiment to West Point—from thence to Fishkill and to White Plains – from White Plains to Quaker Hill & from thence to West Point where he was discharged by [blank] on the eighth day of December 1778 after having served under the officers & in the Regiment aforesaid the nine months for which he enlisted and as he thinks remaining on duty a few days beyond the expiration of said nine months from the day of his first enlistment.

That early in the month of August in the year 1779 while residing at Schodack in the County of Rensselaer aforesaid he was drafted as a militiaman in Captain Daniel Schermerhorn's company – Colonel John Beekman's Regiment of New York Militia & from Schodack he was marched with his regiment through Albany to Half Moon Point on the East side of the Hudson River and from thence to Schenectady on the west side of the river where he remained with his company until the forepart of December when he was discharged—that he served as a private at the time and in the manner & under the officers last mentioned not less than four months. General Gansevoort commanded the troops with whom he served a part of the aforesaid period & General Henry VanRensselaer during a portion of it.

That in the forepart of the month of November in the year 1781 while he resided at Schodack aforesaid he was drafted as a private in Captain Daniel Schermerhorn's company—Colonel John Beekmans Regiment of New York militia—that he marched with his regiment through Albany & Schenectady to Johnstown in the County of Montgomery—from thence to Caughnawaga & from thence to German Flats in the County of Herkimer—that he was absent from home and did duty as a private at the period & in the company & regiment last mentioned—not less than four weeks.

That Gen. Henry VanRensselaer had the general command of the troops during the campaign and that he was with his regiment discharged at German Flats in the month of December 1781.

And he further declares that in the year 1782 in the middle of the month of July as near or as he can recollect—the precise day he cannot remember—while he resided at Schodack aforesaid he was drafted as a militia man in Captain Obadiah Lansing's Company—Colonel Fisher's Regiment of New York Militia—Martin VanBuren was his Lieutenant and Peter TenEyck Ensign—that he marched with his company to Albany—from thence to Caughnawaga & from thence to Stone Arabia on the Mohawk River at which last place he remained three & four weeks and was then with his regiment discharged sometime in the latter part of August 1782. That he served as a private in the company and regiment and at the period last mentioned not less than four weeks—during the whole of which time he was with his company and in the discharge of military duty.

And he further says that sometime in the month of Sept'r or October in the year 1777 he was drafted as a private in Captain David McCarthy company Colonel Vandenberg's Regiment of New York Militia and marched with his regiment to Cattskill [sic] where he remained eight days when his regiment was discharged—and he further says that he actually served and did military duty at the period & in the company and regiment aforesaid for a term not less than eighty days.

And he further says that he never received any written discharge from the service in which he was engaged to his recollection—that he has no documentary evidence of his services aforesaid nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except John A. VanVolkenburgh, Isaac Moll & Conrad A. TenEyck.

And the said Benjamin Springsteen further says that he was born in Schodack in the year seventeen hundred and fifty five—that he has no word of his age—when called into the service he resided part of the time in Schodack and part of the time in Coyemans aforesaid—That since the Revolutionary War he has resided & still resides in the town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer—that he has already & [?] before stated the manner in which he was called into the service—That he recollects the names of no other regular officers who were with the troops where he served—and has mentioned all the regiments he can recollect and the general circumstances of his service so far as he remembers the same.

That he is acquainted with John J. Schermerhorn, Jacob A. TenEyck & the Reverend John Gray who live in the present neighborhood of the declarant and to whom he is known and who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Springsteen

Sworn to and subscribed the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1835 in open court. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk.