

## Pension Application for Benjamin Stage

S.23008

State of Pennsylvania

County of Lycoming SS

On this fourteenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lycoming now sitting Benjamin Stage a resident of Hepburn Township in the County of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, aged sixty seven years last June, 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 AD 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated, under the following named officers. I was residing near Shongum in the State of New York when I was drafted as a militia man and entered the service of my county in the spring of the year 1781. I was drafted in the company under the command of Captain Smith in the month of March and about the first of April of that year was marched to Mamacotter Fort in the State of New York & I went under the command of Lieutenant Johnson to the same fort and remained there in the fort & did duty as a soldier in guarding the frontier from the inroads & excursions of the Indians, till between Christmas & New Year following which was within a few days of nine months. We then marched to Warsinck where we were discharged by our officers & I returned home. The next spring my father was drafted & went a tour under Captain Smith to the fort at Lurenkiln in the month of June he became unwell and I went to the fort and took his place as a soldier and remained at the Lurenkiln fort six weeks, when my father returned & I came home after which time I did no further service for my country although I enlisted under Lieutenant Vancurah at Shongum, in the service of the United States, shortly before the close of the War, but as peace was shortly after that time, concluded I never entered the service under any enlistment.

I never was in any battle or engagement nor did I serve with any other companies; Lieutenant Johnson had a brother Colonel Johnson who had command of the Regiment, I do not know of any other officers personally. I have no documentary evidence and I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service.

To the answers propounded by the Court I answer as follows viz:

1<sup>st</sup>. I was born at Shongum in the State of New York in June 1765.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I have no record of my age in Pennsylvania. He was left at Shongum where I was born & baptized.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I was living when called into the service near Shongum. Since the Revolutionary War I lived at Pequest Sussex County New Jersey from the year 1786 till the year 1807, when I removed to the County of Lycoming in Pennsylvania where I have resided since that time & do now reside.

4<sup>th</sup>. I was drafted in the militia as a common soldier or private, & served for nine months as above stated in the year 1781; in the year 1782 I served six weeks as above stated as a substitute for my father.

5<sup>th</sup>. I cannot state the names of any other regular officers than those above mentioned viz; Captain Smith, Lieutenant Johnson & Colonel Johnson, I was nearly the whole time doing duty in the fort I did not become acquainted with officers—our business was to protect the frontier from the hostile Indians & their allies.

6<sup>th</sup>. I never received a written discharge from the service. We were all dismissed verbally. I never received any commission.

7<sup>th</sup> I am well acquainted with Jonathan Willson Sergt., Elish Willson & the Reverent John Thomas all of Lycoming County & residents in my neighborhood, they can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

And the said Benjamin Stage doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state to the best of his knowledge. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin B.Stage.

Sworn & Subscribed in open Court of Common Pleas this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1833. J. Wood, Judge.

Letter in the file dated July 6, 1932, written in response to a request for information.

Reference is made to your letter requesting information in regard to Benjamin Stage, a soldier of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the original papers on file in the pension claim, S.23008, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Benjamin State.

He was born in June 1765, at Shongum, New York.

While living there he enlisted in March, 1781, and served nine months as private in Colonel Johnson's New York Regiment, was first in Captain Smith's Company and later was stationed at "Mamacotten" Fort, New York, under the command of Lieutenant Johnson. In the spring of 1782 he enlisted as substitute for his father, whose name was not given, and served six weeks as private in Captain Smith's New York Company.

He lived at Pequest, Sussex County, New Jersey, from 1786 until 1807 when he moved to Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 14, 1833, at which time he was living in Hepburn Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

There are no date relative to wife and children.