

Pension Application for Benjamin Stoutenburgh

S.10026

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this eleventh day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight at a court of Common Pleas and Court general sessions held at the court house in the village of Kingston in and for said County of Ulster personally appeared in open court before the Judges thereof Benjamin Stoutenburgh a resident of the town of Saugerties County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That in the month of August or September in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy seven this applicant volunteered for one of a class of four out of the beat company commanded by Capt. Herrick in the town of Clinton, County of Dutchess & State of New York and was placed under the command of Captain Isaac Hagerman, that he with said company was stationed at a place called Peekskill in said County of Dutchess at a place called barrack No 2 and continued until after the British had taken Fort Montgomery, that he then with said company marched up the Hudson River to a place called Rhinebeck and continued there until the British army returned down the River. That deponent then with said company returned to Peekskill and remained there a short time and was discharged after performing a service of at least three months, received no written discharge and knows of no one living to prove the same.

He further declares that in the month of August he does not remember in what year, but it was the same time that the Fort at West Point was a building – he the said applicant was called out Captain Herrick's company, Lieutenants Henry Jersey and [Didimels?] Kinney for the term of about one month and was stationed nearly opposite West Point, does not remember who commanded the Regiment, Major Peter Stoutenburgh, this applicant's father was there, Colonel Freer was the colonel of the Militia when at home.

And he further declares that in the same year he was called out in the Militia of said Town of Clinton, Dutchess Co., for the term of about one month was stationed at the same place as the last was under the same company officers, believes the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Freer and [?] Stoutenburgh, this applicant's father believes this was in the month of [blank]

He further declares that in the same year in year after he was again called out under the same officers as the last for about half a month and was stationed in the town of Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie].

He further declares that near the close of the war either in the year 1779 or 80 or 81, this applicant again volunteered for one of a class out of the company of Captain Herrick for the tern as he now believes of four months or more and was placed in a company commanded by Captain David Ostrom's Company, Lieutenant Hugh Montgomery and with Colonel Ward and Major Radcliff crossed the Hudson River into the County of Ulster and was stationed on the West side of the Shuwngunk Mountains, that said company in small parties.

That he does not now remember whether the Colonel or Major remained there or not, but thinks they were under the command of Colonel Courtland he the said applicant was most part of the time under lieutenant Hugh Montgomery and that he remained with said corps for the full term of four months and was discharged the 24th day of December of the same year.

He further declares that the foregoing statement of nine months and a half of service this applicant has actually performed as a private during [?] the revolutionary war, but as to dates and

officers he may not be correct, and that in consequence of the lapse of time and loss of memory he is unable to state any more particulars, and that he knows of no one alive to prove any of the foregoing statements neither has any documentary evidence of any kind.

He further declares that during the revolutionary war he has been called out in short tours in Colonel Freer's Regiment under different officers, the names he cannot recollect as he now thinks in all for at least two more times than above stated.

To the interrogatories, he answers.

1st That he was born in the town of Clinton Dutchess County the 7th day of March in the year 1761.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his family Bible.

3rd That he lived during the revolutionary war in said town of Clinton. That after the Revolution he went into the town of Waterford, Saratoga County and from there he moved back into Dutchess County and from thence he moved back into Dutchess County and from thence he moved into the Town of Saugerties Ulster County where he has resided for the term of four or five years.

4th That he was never drafted but volunteered for his class and was never a substitute.

5th That he knew no officers except those already stated and General Sullivan and Putnam as he was stationed at Peekskill at the same time with their brigades near in sight of the corps in which this applicant was engaged.

6th That he never had a written discharge.

7th That he knows Colonel McCarthy, Colonel Clark, Jeremiah Rupert, Esquire and Henry G. Martin Esquire, Post Master of the town of Saugerties and Peter G. Sharp and Matthew VanSant of the town of Kingston, who can testify as to his character for veracity and belief of his services in the Revolutionary War as a soldier.

That he is not personally acquainted with any clergyman, who can testify as to his belief of his services of the revolution.

He further declares that by reason he has [not] applied for a pension before is because at the time the act of 7th 1832 he was in good circumstances as to property.

That through unavoidable circumstances he has latterly been reduced to indigence and now asked the benefit of said act of Congress for which his services justly entitles him, for the truth of which statement he would refer the department to the affidavits of Frederick Banker, Isaac Blanchard & the affidavits of the Hon. Peter R. Livingston, John Armstrong, Sam'l Dubois, Wm. B. Platt, Abraham D. Lancaster, John F. Schryver.

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

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid. John VanBuren, First Judge. John A. Deyo, Samuel Stilwell, Jacob Snyder, Judges &c.

Letter in folder dated November 12, 1837, written in response to a request for information.

The records of Andrew and Benjamin Stoutenburgh are furnished you as follow:

[Andrew's records are under his file. ajberry, transcriber.]

Benjamin Stoutenburgh

S.10024

You are furnished herein the record of Benjamin Stoutenburgh as found in pension claim, S.10026, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Benjamin Stoutenburgh was born March 7, 1761, in Clinton, Dutchess County, New York. He was the son of Peter Stoutenburgh who served as Major in the Revolution. The name of his mother was not given.

While residing in Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, he volunteered in August or September, 1777, served as private in Captains Herrick's and Isaac Hagerman's companies in the New York troops and was discharged after having served a tour of three months stationed at Peekskill. He volunteered in August of the year in which the fort at West Point was built, and served one month as private in Captain Elijah Herrick's company, Colonel Freer's New York Regiment. He volunteered in August of the year in which the fort at West Point was built, and served one month as private in Captain Elijah Herrick's company, Colonel Freer's New York regiment. He volunteered twice after that tour during the same year and served one tour of one month and the other tour of one half month under the same officers, the latter tour being stationed at Poughkeepsie. He volunteered near the close of the war, in 1779, 1780 or 1781, and served a tour of four months as private in Captain David Ostrom's Company, Colonel Ward's New York regiment, and was discharged in December of the year in which he enlisted. In addition to the service described above, he served on short tours amounting in all to two months under Colonel Freer in the New York troops.

After the Revolution, the soldier moved to Waterford, Saratoga County, New York, and from there back to Dutchess County, where he lived for many years in Rhinebeck. He lived, also, in Catskill, New York, before moving to Saugerties, Ulster County, New York.

Benjamin Stoutenburgh was allowed pension on his application executed December 11, 1838, while a resident of Saugerties, New York.

No reference was made in the claim to wife or children of the soldier.