

Pension Application for Benjamin Waldron

R.11018

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow, personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Common Pleas, now sitting Benjamin Waldron a resident of the Town of Fishkill, county of Dutchess and State of New York, aged seventy three 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 7th 1832.

That he was born on York Island in the year 1759 on the 5th day of February & is 73 years of age as appears by his family record now in the possession of his nephew, Peter Ackerman in the Town of Fishkill & county & State aforesaid.

That he entered the service of the United States in New York City as a volunteer in 1775.

That since the age of 14 he had belonged to an uniformed company of volunteers, associated for the purpose of military exercise & discipline. That a few days after the battle of Bunker-Hill, he, with most of his company volunteered to guard the City and prevent communication with the Asia and Phoenix, British Vessels. That he under the command of Captain [blank] Lott, Major Andrew Stockholm, & Col [blank] Lasher. That at that time there were only 2 battalions together. That there were 4 companies in the battalions to which he belonged & in the battalion first named he remembers as associated with him in service Col [blank] Malcolm. That he remained in service in the City as before set forth until the British entered in September 1776. Thence retreating was marched to Harleam [Harlem] Plains, where on the next day he was engaged in a short skirmish with the British forces, thence retreating was marched to Valentine's Hill about one mile north of Kings Bridge, where he remained a few days, thence to White Plains, where, a few days before the battle of White Plains at the instance Col. [Blank] Lasher he received a verbal discharge that he might visit his sister and widowed mother who had a few days before into Dutchess County and who were unprotected as your applicant's two brothers were then volunteers in the same company with your applicant.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer in the Town of Fishkill County of Dutchess and State of New York early in 1777 under Captain William Austin in Colonel [blank] Brinkerhoff's regiment, was marched to a hill a few miles north of Peekskill where he remained about two months until the company was disbanded. That he cannot remember the particulars of his service during said two months, but recollects as there associated with his in service Captain Jacob Griffin, Captain Thomas Storm & Captain John Brinckerhoff.

That he soon after again entered into the service in Fishkill aforesaid as a volunteer under Captain Matthew Van Benschoten Lieutenant Isaac Vail & Ensign Samuel Antwater in Colonel [blank] Brinckerhoff's regiment. That he marched to Peekskill hollow, where he remembers as associated with him in service Captain John

Brinckerhoff, Captain George Brinckerhoff & Captain Tunis Van Benschoten. That Colonel [blank] Livingston's regiment then lay at Peekskill hollow. That thence he marched south a few miles beyond Croton river. Thence back to Peekskill hollow and was discharged after a service of about one month.

That he soon after again entered the service in Fishkill aforesaid as a volunteer under Captain Benjamin Rosecranse, lieutenant John Adriance in Colonel [blank] Brinckerhoff regiment & was engaged in guarding the stores at the Barracks in Fishkill for about one month & until dismissed & there remembers as associated with him in service Col. Bedlow of the standing army.

That he soon after again entered the service at Fishkill aforesaid as a substitute for Jacob Boerum as Quarter-Master Sergeant under (as he believes) Captain Matthew Van Benschoten in Colonel Brinckerhoff's regiment & was engaged in guarding the stores at the barracks in Fishkill for about one month & until dismissed.

That late in the summer early in the fall of 1777 he joined as a volunteer a company of sixty under Captain John Dorland. That with said company he went on board a Sloop at Fishkill Landing as a guard for General [blank] Gates, who then was on his way to take command of the northern army. That George Clinton was on board the same vessel until they arrived at Esopus where he landed. That their vessel ran aground at the Overslaugh near Albany, whence General Gates was taken in a small boat to Albany on the same evening. That your applicant with the vessel went to Albany the next day & remained three or four days whence he returned to Fishkill & was discharged after an absence of about two weeks.

That in October 1777 he again entered the service as a volunteer in Fishkill aforesaid under Captain Matthew Van Benschoten, Lieutenant Isaac Vail in Colonel [blank] Van Benschoten, Lieutenant Isaac Vail in Colonel [blank] Brinckerhoff's regiment. That he was engaged at Fishkill Landign in guarding the lines for about one month and until he was discharge. That he remembers as there associated with him in service Captain Thomas Storm, Captain John Brinckerhoff, Captain George Brinckerhoff & Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Griffin.

That in the spring of 1778 he again entered the service as a volunteer in Fishkill aforesaid under (as he believes) Captain Benjamin Rosecranse. That he was marched to Fort Constitution & crossed the river to West Point where he was engaged (at a Fort then building) for about three months & until discharged. That he cannot remember the names of my officers who were associated with him in service at West Point. That (to the best of his knowledge & belief) he never received any written discharge.

That he now resides in the Town of Fishkill, County & Sate aforesaid.

That he has no discharge & cannot produce any documentary evidence of his service.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service other than Daniel Annin whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. That he knows of no clergyman who can make the certificate required by the War Department & therefore he produces other witnesses to wit: Joseph J. Jackson one of the Judges

of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess & Abraham Myers of the same County & State aforesaid Sheriff.

And your applicant 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 the agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Waldron

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. James Fraver, Clerk.