

Pension Application for Daniel Waterbury or Waterbery

S.28933

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

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 23rd day of August 1843 personally appeared before James Cowen one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Daniel Waterbery, a resident of the town of Andes in said County of Delaware & state of New York aged seventy nine years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That a number of years ago he this Declarant visited General Enastus Root of Delhi in said County in order to obtain his assistance in procuring a pension but that said Root being unable to attend to the business at that time, Declarant left him without doing any thing on the matter, and that he has done nothing since. That [?] Declarant had heard that said Root was engaged in procuring pensions further, he supposed that said Root was a proper agent to undertake for him, but as said Root was not at that time able to attend to his claim & as this Declarant was in comfortable circumstances enjoying a comfortable support during his life & as he supposed said application would be attended with trouble & vexation to himself, he this declarant has done nothing further in the matter. That he now applying in consequence of the advice of his children who think it due to himself & to them that he should claim what if fairly and justly due to him.

That in the summer of the year seventeen hundred & seventy nine when this declarant was nearly sixteen years of age, he was duly enrolled in the militia of West Chester County where he resided. That he then resided at his father's house, in the town of Poundridge WestChester County N.Y. and that he was thus enrolled in the militia of that service & who were under the command of Colonel Thadeus Crane. That Declarant had three uncles (his mother's brothers) who were officers in said Regiment (a portion of the war was Captain) to wit, Gould Benton, who was the oldest, Daniel Benton & Noah Benton. That the greater part of this Declarants services were done in that Company of said Daniel Benton.

That he also served under Captain Ebinezer Scofield who resided within a mile of this Declarant's residence. That the year Declarant entered said service from the month of July in said year to wit 1779, he this Declarant was on duty for a greater part of the time under said officers.

That during this time they were stationed along the lines as Guard[s] & served until late in the fall upwards of five months. That said Regiment of Colonel Crane that upon the lines were the only defences of that important portion of the country against the constant inroads of the enemy, who sallied out from New York plundering & laying waste the country. That this was particularly the case during the year 1781 when all the regular crops were ordered to the south to untied with the army there operating against Lord Cornwallis. That from the early spring until late in the fall of said year

(1781) said Regiment of Colonel Crane were constantly on duty upon said lines, during which times this Declarant was also on duty or for a period in the aggregate of about nine months to wit, in the company of Captain Bouton aforesaid.

That the before mentioned service was (for the most part) performed on the lines at or near Poundridge where said companies were usually stationed being one of the most important points along the frontier and chiefly exposed as aforesaid. That Declarant is well assured that his service before mentioned amounted to in the aggregate to more than one year to which his service under Colonel Crain (Crane) & Captains Bouton & Scofield.

And Declarant further saith that on January 1783, he enlisted into the Regiment of Connecticut Continental troops commanded by Colonel Canfield & into the company of Captain Granger. That Captains Miles, Stoddard, and Allen belonged to the same Regiment. That one Dana was Major of said Regiment. That Declarant enlisted into said Regiment at Stanwick in the State of Connecticut, which was about ten miles from Declarants residence in Poundridge, N.Y.

That there was a fort at said town of Stanwick and said regiment was stationed there and from thence sent out guards to the line.

That Declarant remained in said company and regiment in said fort until the month of April or for upwards of three months when peace was proclaimed, and the army disbanded. That he then and there received a discharge but said discharge has since been mislaid or lost.

And Declarant further saith that the full amount of service which he performed in the Revolutionary war to wit during the years 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, & 1783 was at least fifteen months & Declarant verily believes that he is entitled to such an amount of pension.

And Declarant further saith that he was born in Poundridge aforesaid in the year 1764 & that he has a record of his birth. That he lived in Poundridge aforesaid during said war: that afterwards he moved to Rensselaer County, from thence to Saratoga County & from thence to Andes his present place of residence where he has resided for the last thirty six years.

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

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. James Cowan
Judge of Delaware Co., Com. Pleas.