

Pension Application for William Bean

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State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19th day of September AD 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County now sitting William Bean a resident of the Town of Oppenheim in the said County of Montgomery & State aforesaid, aged Eighty five years the Second day of December 1831.

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 & served as herein stated. [?] Shanegan Brage, was his Lieutenant & one Fuller (whose Christian name he does not remember) was his Captain & he does not remember, the other officers in which my company [??] by said Fuller one Whitcomb, was Colonel & one Whitney was Lieut Colonel & one Sawyer was the Major of the Regiment to which the company aforesaid belonged, which are all the company aforesaid belonging which are all the field officers & company officers aforesaid—that he entered the service in said company as a private on the 19th April 1775 & left the service about the 19th April 1775 thereafter who having served nine months under Captain Fisher in his company as aforesaid.

That when he entered the service in said Captain Fuller's Company as aforesaid he resided in the Town of Fitchbury County of Wooster in the State of Massachusetts—that he served as a volunteer in said company—that he marched from Fitchburg to Lancanbury & from thence to Concord & thence to Sealing-ton? Where some eight men of the Americans were killed by the British—from Lexington to Cambridge where he assisted in building three forts where from thence he marched in said Company to Bunker's he saw Genl. Washington, receiving the Forts —that from thence he marched in said Company to Bunker's Hill where he was engaged in the battle called the "Bunker Hill" battle where general Warren was killed & returned after said battle to the Cambridge.

That aforesaid where that is, at Cambridge he remained in the service as aforesaid until about the 19 Jany [18776?] when his nine month's service expired—afterwards he went to Dorchester where he volunteered as a private in the Company of Capt Pope (whose Christian name is not recollected) the other officers names in said Company last mentioned he cannot remember. Genl War was one of the field officers & He entered Pope Company immediately after he had served his first mentioned service of nine months, which was in Jany 1776 when he entered Capt Pope's Company.

That he served three months & left the service in Capt. Pope's Company in the month of April 1776 during said three months he was & remained at Dorchester aforesaid under Capt. Pope he cannot recollect any other field officers being at Dorchester during said three months then Genl Ward.

That in August 1776 he was drafted as a private for five months & at same time entered the service in Capt William Thurrel's Company for said five months—One

Boutwell was the Lieutenant in said mentioned company & cannot recollect the names of the other officers in said Company last mentioned.

That from August 1776 to Jan 1777 he served in said Capt Thurrel's company. He resided at Fitchbury aforesaid when he entered the service under Capt Thurrel as aforesaid that he marched from Fitchburgh to Ticonderoga where he served out said five months. Col. Aaron Willard commanded the Regiment in which Co. Capt Thurrel's Company was & Y said Col. Willard he last commanded at Ticonderoga during said five months [????] that he next entered the service again about the 15 of Sept 1777 the company of Capt Thurrel for one month & served one month in said company.

He entered said Company at Fitchburg where he resided & marched to Sandy Hill in said Thurrel's Company where he remained when Genl Burgoyne surrendered to the Americans about [?] Oct 1777 & returned home.

That he has no documentary proof or evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to their service aforesaid.

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.

He says he was born in the Town of Epping, in the State of New Hampshire in the year 1747—that he has no record of his age—that he lived at Fitchburgh in the Country of Woster in the State of Massachusetts—when --& now lives in the Town of Oppenheim County of Montgomery & state of New York. That he served as a volunteer part of the time. He served in the Revolutionary war & for part of the time was drafted as aforesaid where he served at Cambridge as aforesaid Genl Artimas Ward was with the troops until Genl Washington arrived who then received the Forts at Cambridge & was with the troops where he served.

He does not recollect any continental or militia regiments at Cambridge & that he served from 19 April 1775, until Jany following in & about Cambridge for nine months, during which time he was engaged in the battle at Bunker's Hill—that he served three months at Dorchester under one Capt. Pope from Jany 1776 to April 1776—that he served as a volunteer during said nine & three months.

That he was drafted for five months from Augt 1776 to Jany 1777 in the Company of the Capt Wm Thurrel's Company & served said five months in marching to & staying at Ticonderoga here Col Aaron Willard commanded at Mon hope--& volunteered one month under Capt Thurrel & went to Sand Hill until Burgoyne surrendered & served there from 15 Sept 1777 to 18th Oct thereafter & shortly after Genl Burgoyne surrendered he returned home having served at least one month.

He never got a discharge from the service, except one which was [??] at Ticonderoga by whom he does not recollect & which is lost—

That he served only as private during the war of the revolution, that Jonathan Beacon & Jacob Failing he is known that Jonathan Bacon & Jacob Failing he is known to in his neighborhood who can testify to my character to in his neighborhood who can testify to my character to in his neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier in the revolutionary war--& that I have

& know of no evidence or proof of any person who can testify to my services in the revolutionary war. (Signed with his mark) William bean.

Sworn & subscribed to this 19th day of Sept 1832 before me in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.