

Pension Application for Benjamin Wing

R.11710 (Widow: Sarah)

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On; this 14th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Genesee, the said court being a court of record, now sitting, Benjamin Wing of the Town of Covington in the county of Genesee and State of New York aged seventy seven years and 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the town of Dartmouth in the State of Massachusetts on the 2d day of January 1756 as he has been informed by his parents and believes to be true.

That he has no record of his age.

That in the year 1780 he lived in the town of Cambridge, now White Creek, in the County of Washington and State of New York.

That he belonged to the militia of the said State. That the said militia was classed and formed into three classes, each class was to serve two weeks or fourteen days at a time.

That this declarant belonged to one of those classes, of militia and was drawn as such to serve in the army of the United States, in the company commanded by Capt. Garrit Van Ness in Col. Thomas Regiment, this was on some of the first day s of October 1780.

That he marched directly for Fort Ann, in the said County of Washington, which was then commanded by Capt Adial Sherwood. That he remained there, about three days when the place was attached by a party of British and Indians, and taken.

This Declarant with the rest of the men were taken prisoners and carried to Montreal, and put into Barracks under guard and kept close prisoners in the said City of Montreal one year eight months and one day.

This declarant well remembers that he was taken prisoner on the 10th day of October 1780, and was discharged from Prison in June 1782. That he well remembers of hearing [?] of the Capture of Cornwallis, while a prisoner, that after being discharged he returned home, having been in the service and a prisoner as aforesaid one year eight months and six days, as a private soldier for which he claims a pension.

The said Declarant further states that since the war of the Revolution he continued to reside in Cambridge aforesaid sixteen or seventeen years. From thence he removed to Burlington New York, where he resided about seven years. From thence to Richfield N. York where he lived 8 or 10 years, from thence to Covington, Genesee County, New York

Where he has resided since that time, and continue to reside. That he never had a written Discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of his service.

That he knows of no person living who can testify to his service except his brother Daniel Wing, who resides in the County of Chautauqua in the State of New

York who was with this Declarant during his service and imprisonment, and whose statement is hereto annexed.

That he is acquainted with the Rev. John Wallis of Attica in said County of Genesee and Henry Compton of Covington in said County of Genesee who can testify as to the character of this Declarant for truth & veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed Benjamin Wing

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open court. T. Fitch
Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.11710 it appears that Benjamin Wing was born January 2, 1756 in Dartmouth, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.

While a resident of Cambridge (which was later called Little White Creek), Washington County, New York he enlisted October 5, 1780 as a private in Captain Garrit Van Ness' Company, Colonel King's New York Regiment, marched to Fort Anne which was commanded by Captain Adiel Sherwood, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment, and on October 10 following, was captured, taken to Montreal and imprisoned until May 24, 1782 when he was exchanged and returned home on the eleventh of the next month.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 14, 1833 while a resident of Covington, Genesee County, New York. He died February 2, 1836 in said Covington.

Soldier married January 16, 1783 in Cambridge, New York, Sarah Wallace. In 1840 she was living in Covington, New York aged seventy-eight years. She died January 30, 1842.

Their children referred to were:

Salome born October 6, 1785.

Benjamin born September 23, 1788.

Benjamin E. born March 13, 1793, living in Covington, New York in 1842.

Joseph born in 1795.

In 1842 Chancellor Wing stated he was one of the heirs, relationship not stated.

Soldier's brother Daniel Wing enlisted with him under the same officers, was captured and imprisoned with him and they returned home together. In 1833 said Daniel was living in harmony, Chautauqua County, New York aged seventy-six years.

Benjamin Wallace of York, Livingston County, New York in 1838 aged seventy-four years stated that he was the brother of said Sarah Wing. It is not stated that he was a soldier.