

Pension Application for Benjamin Wood

R.11780

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this ninth day of January 1844, personally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster in said State, Benjamin Wood a resident of said County aged ninety three years and made oath and affirmed and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7, 1832, and states that he entered the service early in the spring of 1776 and served untill late in the fall of that year in Captain Machums [Machin?] Company of Carpenters at and in the neighbourhood of Fort Montgomery, Fort Constitution and West Point and that in the spring of 1777 he entered the service and served under Capt Machums at Fort Constitution and West Point at the Carpenter business, and that he helped to build the Chevause-de-Frise [cheval-de-frise] while under Captain Machum and that he was once out under captain Sandersone at Hackensack in the State of New Jersey, several weeks but cannot state the year.

And that in the year of 1778 he was out and served under Captain William Falkener West Point and at other places on the Hudson River building and repairing the fortifications, some part of the time he served under Captain John Nichols and other officers whose names he does not recollect and that he served the greater part of the summer and fall of that year.

And that in the year 1779 he was out under Captain VanDuson at Fort Constitution and West Point and served a[t] different times that season and that he was out under Captain VanDuson in the year of 1780 on alarms at West Point and at other places on the Hudson River and that during the time of the Revolutionary War he resided in the town of Cornwall and county of Orange in said State and lived in the beat of Captain Christopher VanDusor's Company.

And that in the year of 1781 he entered the service under Captain Trusdell on the Western Frontier in Ulster County, he commenced his services in the spring of that year and served untill Fall, and that he was out once before under Captain Trusdell, but he cannot with certainty state the time and place, and that he was out several other times on alarms during said War, but that he cannot recollect in on the account of his old age and the loss of his memory; he further states that he has kept no record of his services and that he must rely on whatever record evidence that may be found by the Pension Commissioner in his Office to support his claim to a Pension and further that he is unable to labour and that he is poor and destitute and is now supported by the charity of his friends.

He further states that the reason he has not applied before for a pension is that he could find no one living to prove his services by and that he has now no hopes of finding any one living the name John Nichols on an [?] before executed. (Signed)
Benjamin wood

Sworn to and subscribed before me by affirmation at the time above stated. W.
H. Hine, Judge of Ulster County Courts.