

Pension Application for Benjamin Worden

S.23497

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 9th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the county of Montgomery now sitting Benjamin Worden a resident of the town of Johnstown in the County of Montgomery and State of New York; aged Sev. [Seventy] Eight years on the twenty fifth day of August last past 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 and Served as herein Stated.

In the year 1777 Sometime in the month of June as he now thinks he enlisted in a Company of Rangers for the term of Six months and went from Clinton Dutchess County to Fishkill and Peekskill in the Same County that he went under Captain Melancton Smith, Lieutenant Height and Ensign Thompson this was a company of rangers and had no other officers except the above named, cannot state the month nor day of the month when discharged and has no written discharge.

In the year 1778 in the month of June of that year the militia under the command of Col. Fryer were called out and I went out from Clinton to Fishkill for one month under Capt. Melancton Smith, Lieut Week's Ensign Lyons, cannot State the day of the month when discharged and received now written discharge. In the same year last above, mentioned in the month of August day cannot State went under same officers last above mentioned from same place to the same place as last above stated and was out one month at this time and has no discharge.

In the year 1779 Some time about the last of May or the first of June I went under I went out under [sic] Capt Smith, Lieut Weeks, Ensign Lyons from Clinton aforesaid to Fishkill the militia were called out by an order of Governor George Clinton and I very well recollect that I was taken out of the company to Stand as Centry [Sentry] at the house of Governor Clinton for one night and remember that during the night that I Stood as Centry at the Govs House, it was a very pleasant and moon shiny night and while walking to and fro by the house on duty the Gove was sitting on the Stoop of his house and Spoke to me in this manner.

“Young man you need not walk all the time come and set down with me on the Stoop” and then complied with the old Govs request who treated me with a glass of grog.

In the year 1780 in the month of May the day he cannot State I went out under the officers last above mentioned except that we were under the directions and command of Gen Washington went from Clinton to Peekskill and was out at this time cannot State the time when I was discharge[d] and have no written discharge was out one month at this time.

In the year 1780 in the month of August the day I cannot State I went from Clinton to a place called North Castle in a company of rangers who went out on a scout. The officers of this company were Capt John Thomas, Lieut Mosher, Ensign's name cannot recollect. That company was met at North Castle by a company of British houseman likewise on a scout and they took five of our number among whom was myself and carried to a place called Morris Sena near the City of New York where I remained a prisoner until some time in the fall and was there exchanged cannot State the month nor day of the month when discharged was out at this time four months and have no written discharge and I further say that I know of no person or persons by whom I am able to prove all my services.

I resided at the time I was called into service at a place called Clinton Dutchess County. I was born in a place called King Street Connecticut in the year 1k786 and I have no record of my age I was acquainted with no regular officers during my service and cannot recollect any more circumstances material to my claim that I have already stated.

I am acquainted with no clergyman from whom I can receive a certificate.

I am acquainted with the following persons living in my neighborhood who can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services during the period of the revolution to wit John Wallace, William A. Wells, John V. Berry.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Benjamin Worden

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. Geo: D. Ferguson,
Clerk