

Pension Application for Joseph Bailey

S.26707

Declaration for procuring a pension according to the provisions of the Act of 7th June 1832.

State of New York

St. Lawrence County SS.

On the thirtieth day of September A.D. 1834 personally appeared before Jonah Sanford one of the Judges of the County Courts in & for the County of St. Lawrence Joseph Bailey a resident of the town of Potsdam in the County of St. Lawrence 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 7th 1832—

This Deponent saith that he has for about sixteen years last past drawn a pension of ninety six dollars per year under the act of 1818, for services rendered in the revolutionary war, which was the pension allowed to privates and how commissioned officers without any distinction as to the amount of the pension, that the pension certificate which this deponent now has in his possession certifies that the said pension is allowed for the services of this Deponent in the Revolutionary War and non-commissioned Officer—and as the above mentioned act provides a pension for commissioned and non-commissioned officers, according to their rank this Deponent who served more than two years as a Quarter Master makes application for a pension as such and states that he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter mentioned.

He saith that he resided in Bridgewater in the Country of Plymouth in the State of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War and at the several periods, of enlistment hereinafter mentioned. He saith that for the year previous to the commencement of the War he served as a Minute man in the company commanded by Capt Daniel Lathrop.

He further says that about the time of the Battle of Lexington about the 1st of June 1775 orders were [?] for soldiers to be enlisted 1st of June 1775 for a nine months Campaign. This deponent saith that he immediately about the 1st of Jun 1775 enlisted as a volunteer in the said company commanded by Capt. Dan^l Lathrop in Col. Baileys Regiment in the Massachusetts State Troops for the said period of nine months and that he entered said company with the rank and office of Orderly Sergeant. He immediately repaired to Lexington with the said Company and arrived there soon after the British had retreated, and after being at Lexington for a few days he continued to Roxbury where Genl Washington was then or came soon after and gave orders that soldiers might enlist from other Regiments to fill up a Regiment of artillery which was but partly full.

This deponent enlisted out of his Regt into the said Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col. Henry Knox, Lieut Col Garish into the company as Capt Ezra Bedlow Jun & Varcert Bull. The said enlistment into the artillery Regt was for the period of one year. He soon marched with his Regt to Brooklyn Fort near Boston and remained there until the next spring. Soon after they arrived at the Fort they were ordered to Bunker Hill to prepare for the Battle there, but Col. Knox being absent, the Lieut Colonel refused to have the Regt go and they remained there with no other Regiment till the 27th

of March following. 1776 when the said Regiment started for Quebec in pursuance of previous orders to that effect.

A short time before starting for Quebec as this Deponent believes, he enlisted for another year in the same company and Regiment. He is not clear in his recollection as to the time of this enlistment, but knows it was before his first year expired and was to commence immediately after the expiration of his first year.

This Deponent further saith that about one month before starting for Quebec a vacancy occupied in the office of Quarter Master Serjeant in his Regiment and he was appointed by his Colonel to fill that office and received a written warrant from him for said office—and he immediately entered upon the duties of said officer which he continued to [??] till he marched Charlestown hereinafter mentioned and he further saith that when he first enlisted out as Col Bailey's Regiment into Col. Knox's Regiment he was appointed as an orderly Sergeant and performed the duties of orderly Sergeant all the time he was in Col. Knox's Regt until he was promoted to the office as Quarter Master Sergeant as aforesaid.

This Deponent further that he started with the said Regt on the 27th day of March 1776 as he thinks from Old Cambridge to Quebec and marched for Charlestown No. 4 in New Hampshire when the army halted a few weeks and the [?] Quarter Master, Johnston now being [can't read several inserted lines] and there crossed Connecticut River into Vermont and marched directly to Crown Point on Lake Champlain and at that place the Regt took Batteaus and went down to the lake to St. Johns and then the Three Rivers and on to Quebec where they arrived in April or May and remained there only over night as he thinks and started out the next morning in company with the American Army which had been some time there.

They retreated under the Command of General Thomas as far as Chamblee where Genl Thomas died with the small pox. From there the army continued its retreat under the command of Genl Sullivan and proceeded to Ticonderoga and Mt. Independence. The Regt to which this deponent belonged together with three or four of them, the names of whose officers he does not recollect, went into Barracks at Mt. Independence. There were at that fort and remained till the next spring he should think as late as June when his Regt was ordered to go south to Connecticut to guard the shores upon Long Island Sound at about this time he reenlisted for another under Capt Siblee afterwards took the Command of the company.

The Regt left Mt Independence and went to Skeensborough (now Whitehall) and from there they went directly to New London Connecticut and remained in that vicinity guarding the coast and protecting the inhabitants till sometime in the fall when they went on to Long Island and remained there a few weeks, when they were ordered to Coatskill [Catskill?] N.Y. for winter quarters, to which place they repaired and passed the winter in company with several Regiments of U.S. Troops but he does not recollect the names of the officers. He believes Col. Ezra Bellow formerly his captain commanded one of the Regiments [Regiments] and Capt Pierce a company in the Regt. This deponent had a furlough during this winter to go home for about two months at the expiration of which time he returned to Coatskill. He thinks they left Coatskill in March or April 1778

he does not recollect exactly the time. The said Regt marched to Connecticut and spent a part of the summer in guarding the coasts against the invasions of the enemy one month of the time being spent on Rhode Island and the rest in Connecticut.

In the latter part of the season they went to New London and remained there until the said term of service expired which he thinks was in June or July but does not recollect precisely the time the said Regiment was all discharged together and this deponent well recollects receiving a written discharge Knox signed by Col. Knox.

This Deponent further saith that the above statement respecting his said service is correct as far as he can recollect. On account of his advanced age he does not so well recollect the history of his revolutionary services or where he made his first declaration in 1818, which circumstance must account for any discrepancy in the two declarations—but he thinks the above statement correct in the main.

He further saith that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except that of New York.

This Deponent saith that he was born in Scituate Massachusetts on the 21st day of January 1750 being about 25 years old when he entered the service first.

He saith that about three years before he entered the service he commenced housekeeping and transcribed the record of his age from his fathers Bible into his own Bible and kept the same till about thirty years ago when he transcribed the same with the record of the ages of the different members of his family into another Bible which he has now at home, land from which the above was taken.

He resided in Bridgewater Mass several years after the close of the war, he believes about nine and then removed to Pelham Mass and lived there about ten years thence he moved to Chesterfield and lived there one year and then to Cammington Mass and lived one year and then moved to Shoreham Vt. and lived there about ten years and in March 1812 he moved to Potsdam N.Y. where he has always ever since resided, except about two years when he resided in Caton the town adjoining Potsdam and he now resides in Potsdam. He performed his whole services as a volunteer.

He has stated as particularly as he can do in his preceding declaration the names of officers, Continentals & Militia and the general circumstances of his services.

He received only one written discharge as mentioned above which he brought home with him from the army and kept it a few years when he supposes it was lost—and his said warrant of Quarter Master Sergeant & Quarter Master is also lost.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no living witnesses whose testimony he could procure. The witness who testified for him on his former application is dead as he has been informed.

He is well acquainted with Horace Allen, Jonathan Hoit, David Barnum & Rev Jonathan Wallace who can testify as to the reputation of his said services.

He saith that his said services amount in the whole to the following sum.

From the 1st of June 1775 as orderly Sergeant to April 1776.

From April 1776 to June or July 1778 about 2 years & 2 or 3 months as a Quarter Master.

This deponent saith that when the preceding declaration was finish taken down, several [?] ago he believes it was not taken down as he intended to have it. A mistake was made in reference to his appointment as Quarter master. He received the appointment as Quarter Master Serjeant before he stered from Brooklyn Fort for Quebec and he received his appointment as Quarter master at Charlestown N.H. the former Quarter Master was unwell. He thinks in April 1776, and he continued to serve as Quarter Master till he was discharged in the summer of 1778. He believes Capt Stephen Bedlow took the command of his company at not before he started for Quebec in the [?] of Capt Ezra Bedlow so that his service was all rendered under the following named Captains Capt. Lathrop, Capt Ezra Bedlow, Capt Stephen Bedlow & Capt John Siblee. He served as he has above stated & as he believes nearly one year as Orderly sergeant and about two years & 2 or 3 months as a Quarter Master. When his said declaration was first made out he thought he should be able to attend court personally but he is so much advanced in age and is so feeble that he does not feel able to attend court the place so sitting being then miles from here and that was not very good. (Signed) Joseph Bailey.

Sworn & Subscribed this 30th day as September A.D. 1836 before me. Jonah Sanford, Judge St. Lawrence Common Pleas.