

Pension Application for Hopson Beebe

S.4262

Conn., Mass., New York

State of Ohio

Athens County SS.

On this 13th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Hopson Beebe [sic] aged 83 years, 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 viz. That the said Hopson Beebe at Salisbury in the State of Connecticut, in the month of May 1776, as he verily believes, but he knows that it was but a few weeks after the burning of Danbury (1) inlisted into the Service of the United States for the term of nine months in the Company of Abel Catlin (2) in the Regiment then under the charge of Captain Prentiss, (3) the oldest Captain of the same, afterwards commanded as the Deponent believes by Col. Meigs. (4) That after inlistment the Deponent immediately repaired to Fairfield, with the other recruits inlisted at Salisbury; that the regiment was assembled at Fairfield. Here we tarried 3 or 4 weeks, when the said regiment was ordered to White Plains in the State of New York, when we arrived at Danbury, all the men who were inlisted for 9 months, among whom was the deponent, were stationed at said Danbury, under the command of Beriah Bills (5) to guard the said Town, that there the deponent remained in service until the expiration of the 9 months for which he inlisted, where when not on guard, during his leisure time he was employed in making cartridges for the use of the army, under the direction of Doctor Wood (6) of Danbury. That the deponent being discharged at the end of his term went immediately to Salisbury aforesaid, where he arrived as he verily believes in the month of February 1777.

That afterward the Deponent, with his family, removed from Salisbury aforesaid to Nine Partners in the State of New York, where in February 1779, the time he cannot exactly remember, he was drafted and put under the care and command of Lieutenant Wood (6) to guard the Prison at Nine Partners, which was called the Hemlock Jail, where many Tories and British officers were confined. That there the Deponent served on month at the expiration of which time a new guard arrived, and the deponent was discharged.

That afterward the deponent removed to Lanesborough, State of Massachusetts, where he remained until the close of the war, and while there received a Lieutenant's Commission and afterward a Captain's Commission in the Militia of Massachusetts, which are now in the deponent's possession.

That sometime in 1806 the Deponent removed to the State of Ohio in the year following to Athens County, Rome Township, where he resided, following the occupation of a farmer, until 1826 when he removed to the Town of Athens, where he now resides.

That he was born as he believes on the 28 day of February of this however he has not any evidence except the copy of his father's family record transcribed many years ago.

That he never had any written discharge, nor has he any other documentary evidence nor does he know of any person who can give evidence of his said service.

And he hereby relinquishes every 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. (Signed) Hopson Beebe

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, Henry Barttelt, Clerk

End Notes—S.4262, Hopson Beebe

1. The Danbury, Connecticut Raid took place from April 25 to 27, 1777. His enlistment was in 1777 not 1776.
2. The Abel Catlin found was a Surgeon in the Fourth Connecticut Continental Regiment in 1775 and after that a Surgeon in the Connecticut Militia.
3. Jonas Prentice was a Captain in the Sixth Connecticut Continental Regiment from January 1, 1777 until he resigned on March 31, 1779.
4. Return Jonathan Meig's Colonel of the Sixth Connecticut Continental Regiment on September 10, 1777 to rank from May 12, 1777. He retired January 1, 1781.
5. Beriah Bills was appointed First Lieutenant on January 1, 1777 in the Fourth Connecticut Continental Regiment. He was appointed Captain in the same regiment on November 24, 1777.
6. There are several Doctor Woods but it cannot be determined which one his is referring to.
7. Robert Wood was appointed, First Lieutenant of a Company in the Reg't formed from Detachments of Militia for the defence of the State, under Col. Morris Graham, First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia. There is at least one "Pay roll of Eight Hired men as a Guard 13 The Goals in Amenia Precinct". They were employed by Lieutenant Robert Wood from January 5 to January 24, 1779. The Pay Roll was found in the Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 178, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Four more pay rolls for Lieutenant Wood's Guards are found in the same Series M-246, Roll 74,

folder 106, (Col. Morris Graham's Militia 1778-1779). Unfortunately Beebe's name does not appear in any of them.