

Pension Application for Joseph Benedict

S.23535

State of New York

Westchester County SS

On this 27th day of May 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the Court of West Chester in said Court being a Court of Record, Joseph Benedict aged eighty one 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 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of December 1775 he enlisted as a private in a company of Militia for the term of three months under Capt. Ebenezer Slanson in the Regiment under the command of Colonel Samuel Drake on the formation of the Company he was appointed a Sargeant; the company to which he was attached was immediately marched to New York through the County of West Chester and there remained for three months when he was verbally discharged when declarant enlisted as above stated he resided at South Salem in the County of West Chester.

Sometime in the year 1776 Declarant enlisted as a Sargeant in a Company of Infantry of the Militia commanded by Capt. Nathaniel DeLavan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas for the term of six months that he served in the said company and Regiment for that time and was verbally discharged. At the time of his enlistment he resided at the place last aforesaid.

In the year 1777 he was ordered into the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Gideon [?] in the Regiment of Colonel Gilbert Drake that he served as a private therein for fifteen days. In the same year after the above service he was again ordered out in the same company and regiment and served for more than fifteen days. Also in the year last aforesaid he was ordered out in the company of the said Capt Seely and served as a private for the term of ten days. Also in the year last aforesaid he was ordered out in the company of Capt. Nathaniel DeLavan and served as a private for the term of fifteen days the service thus performed at the said several times last aforesaid was in the County of West Chester.

And this declarant further states that on the twenty fifth day of June 1778 he was appointed first Lieutenant in Cap't Ephraim Lockwood's Company of Militia in the Regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Drake that he [accepted?] the commission and was duly sworn according to law by Richard Hatfield Esq, Clerk of the County of West Chester on the third day of August 1778. That he served under the said commission during the War of the Revolution as follows one year and four months in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment. The company to which he belonged was on or about the 21st October 1779 attached to a new Regiment formed from Colonel Drake's Regiment and Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment by General orders under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Thaddeus Crane in which Regiment he served during the remainder of the War. The service of declarant in Drake's Regiment as above mentioned was on the line, and on guard duty for the protection of the Inhabitants of West Chester County said service was all within the said county.

And Declarant further states, that during the war after he received his commission as aforesaid and whilst he was attached to the Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Thaddeus Crane aforesaid. Stated he served at various places in the County of West Chester at a distance from his residence that is to say at Crumpon, Peekskill and at a place was called [Semer?] in said County and also on the line in said county, that some of the tours of duty were three weeks some more some less the exact time at each place he cannot now recollect he as an officer often was ordered off with small detachments of them in advance of the Headquarters of the Regiment on our excursion his detachment consisting of twelve men fell in with a party of British Rangers when they attacked dispersed & captured two prisoners. On one other occasion and as he believes sometime in the year 1781 he was ordered on the lines in said company as a Lieutenant with about ten men to bring off a disaffected person who lived

on the lines they arrived near the residence of that man a little before night they then ascertained that Capt. [Folten's?] Company of British Cavalry of Rangers served with Infantry and were at hand and they made a charge upon the command of this Declarant he ordered a retreat and the night favoring he brought his men safe off without loss.

And this declarant further states that on or about the first day of June 1785 the pay roll of the [?] company composing the Regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Thaddeus Crane was made out and sworn to at the office of General Banker treasurer of the State of New York. That Capt Ephraim Lockwood made out his pay roll from documents then in his possession and that shortly thereafter the certificates were received by the Colonel that this deponent received a certificate for his pay for service as Lieutenant for the amount of One hundred and fifteen pounds five shillings and six pence being an amount equal to ten months and a half pay for his services as a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Colonel Crane.

And Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence other than his commission hereunto annexed and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service other than as to his service other than as it may appear by the annexed affidavit to which he refers.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) Joseph Benedict

Sworn to & subscribed this 27th day of May 1833 before me in open court. N. Bayles Clk &c.