

Pension Application for Isaac Bodine

S.12258

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On the eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting Isaac Bodine a resident of the City of Hudson aforesaid, aged 72 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.—

Said applicant was born in the town of Montgomery in Ulster County (now Orange County) in the State of New York in August 1760. That he resided in the same town until the year 1776 when he was drafted and ordered out with the militia of that place in the month of October 1776 and marched to Newburgh & from thence to Fishkill, under the command of Capt. Conklin while there Genl Hagthorn commanded at that place.

Stayed there about one month and a half then returned home and stayed at home until the following spring in May, then again called out and marched to guard the frontiers and went on to a place called Manny-Cotton about 25 miles west of Newburgh and stayed there about 18 or 20 days when returned home and stayed until the fall of 1777, and either in the month of Sept or early part of October before the surrender of Genl Burgoyne he was ordered out and marched to Fort Montgomery under the command of Capt. Matthias Felter, which fort was commanded by Col. McCloskey and continued there about one month and a half went to Kingston upon an alarm next morning the British burnt the same out about 2 weeks then returned home & remained at home until the following spring (in May) then called out again by Capt. Jason Wilkins and marched to guard the Frontiers, westerly part of Ulster County before said applicant started to go, he together with a number of others volunteered to hold themselves in a readiness as minute men – during the Revolutionary War, and immediately marched out as such minute men under the command of Capt. Jason Wilkins and was stationed at different places at a distance of about 25 or 30 miles west of the North River to guard the inhabitants from the encroachments of the Indians. Some of the places where he was stationed were called Mamma-Cotton, LurenKill, Warwarsink, Nippanoch and many other places west of the Shangum Mountains and continued as such until the close of the Revolutionary War.

Said applicant further says that he states his age from the date in his family Bible in which it is recorded in his possession.

That he continued a resident of Ulster County aforesaid until the year 1822 when he moved into Dutchess County and resided there until the year 1824, about 2 years, then removed into the city of Hudson and has continued a resident of said city to this date. Col. VanBenschoten commanded in person on one of the Indian pursuits.

Said applicant knows of no living witness that he can procure to testify of his services, therefore must rely upon his neighbors to certify as to his veracity whose names he hereby mentions some. Samuel Anable, Mayor of the City of Hudson, John W. Edmonds Recorder, John Randle, David Rowley & Edward O. Holly Sheriff of the County.

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) Isaac Bodine.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated October 10, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to Jacob and Peter Post, Lewiss (or Lewis), Jacob and David Bodine and any of the soldiers named William and John Bodine, described by you.

This Bureau has no records of services rendered before the Revolution.

You are herewith furnished the history of the only Isaac Bodine found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12258, it appears that Isaac Bodine was born in August 1760 in Montgomery, then in Ulster County (later Orange County) New York, and while living in said town, he enlisted in October 1776 and served as private one and a half months in Captain Conklin's New York Company. In May 1777 he guarded the frontiers for eighteen or twenty days. In the fall of 1777 he served in Captain Matthias Felter's New York Company under Colonel McLaughry for one and a half months. He was on duty at Kingston for two weeks just after that town was burned. IN May 1778 he enlisted as a minuteman in Captain Jason Wilkins' New York Company and served wherever called out until the close of the Revolution.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 8, 1832, while residing in Hudson, Columbia County, New York. He died in 1837, leaving a daughter, Marria.

There is no further data on file as to his family.