

Pension Application for Bastinus (Boston, Baltzer) Williams or Wilhelm

R.11538 (Widow: Elizabeth) They married March 29, 1799. Baltis died August 13, 1842.

There are no rolls in the pension office to prove the service stated by the claimant. The testimony of two or more disinterested and credible persons, to that effect, is required on oath. The judge is desired to certify under the seal of the court that he is satisfied the claimant is in indigent circumstances, and needs the support of his country. (Hand written note in the pension folder.)

State of New York

Seneca County SS.

On this sixth day of May in the year of our Lord 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County personally appeared Bastinus Williams aged sixty-six years resident in the town or Romulus in said county, whose name is written in the German Language as follows viz.—

“Baltzer Bilhelm” who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration (in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”).

That the said Williams enlisted at Fredericksburgh on the East side of the North or Hudson River in the year 1778 or 1779 for the term of three years in the company of light dragoons commanded by Capt Van Hair, which company of dragoons composed General Washington’s, Life Guard—that he served in the said company during the said three years & at the expiration thereof he again enlisted in the same company of light dragoons during the war, that having learned of one Christian Coon to blow the trumpet he served together with said Coon as trumpeter, during the greater part of his last term of service. That he faithfully served in the said company under the command of Capt Van Hair until the close of the Revolutionary War—that at the end of said war, he was honorably discharged near Newburgh in the State of New York—that five or six years after the said War he gave his discharge to Maj’r Henry Brewster of Orange County in New York State for the purpose of obtaining one hundred acres of land to which it was said he was entitled for his services--& that he believes it to be out of his power to find his said discharge at this time.

And the said Williams further declares upon his oath aforesaid, that he was at Springfield at the time of the battle there but the company to which he belonged was not actually engaged in said battle—that he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia—that it is out of his power to procure any other evidence of his services aforesaid except the testimony of Ezra Horton of said town of Romulus.

That he (said Williams) has resided in the said town of Romulus for the last twenty years and that he is in poor & reduced circumstances in life & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. (Signed with his mark) Baltrus Williams.

Sworn to and declares the day & year aforesaid before me. John Sayre