

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

May 23 1833

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus:  $\}$ ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of Benjamin Waters Oneida County New York

Period when the service is to be paid for.	Duration of the claimant's service			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period.	Evidence by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.							
Enl. Jan. 1776	-	5	-	private	Cap. Parsons	St. Arnold Maj. Cadby		Marched to Albany, to Crown Point	88 years	Traditional evidence
Vol. Sept. 1777	-	-	14	private		St. Popple & Col. Knowlton	Brunswick	Montreal & Quebec	Richmond	Articles under credible
Draft. Dec. 1777	about	1	-	private	Cap. Rathbun	Col. Benson		Marched to Albany, to Fort Edward		see sergeant certificate
Vol.	about	1	-	private		Col. Goodrich		Fort George		altho a claimant is referred to - papers correctly attached

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

That in the summer of 1777, he thinks in the month of August, he volunteered at Richmond aforesaid under Gen. Ropiter & Colonel Rowley, that he can not with certainty remember the other Officers, that he was in the Battle of Bennington under Gen. Stark & remained in the service at that time about a fortnight.

That in the latter part of the summer or the part of the fall, but the year he can not state with certainty he was drafted at Richmond aforesaid & was attached to Captain Amos Rathbun's Company & that they marched from there to Albany & from there to ~~the State~~ Fort Edward in the State of New York & went to Fort George & was under the command of Colonel Brown & Col. Rowley, that the precise time he was there he can not tell but he remembers that Forts grapes were ripe from the circumstance that they saw a great many of them on their march, that according to his best recollection he was in the service at this time about one month.

That some time after but what year he can not state with precise certainty in the latter part of the summer or the part of the fall he volunteered under Colonel Goodrich & Capt. Spittidge & they marched to Pittsfield & from there to Williamstown & from there to Collett & from there to Castleton & was there discharged having been in the service at that time about one month & returned to Richmond aforesaid.

State of New York  
 Oneida County } Olive Sewey of Whitestown County & State  
 aforesaid being duly sworn says that she  
 is of the age of seventy six years & resides in the  
 town of Whitestown aforesaid & has resided there up-  
 wards of fifty years, that she has heard the foregoing  
 declaration of Benjamin Waters read & knows the  
 contents thereof, that she has been acquainted with  
 him upwards of fifty years that she first became  
 acquainted with him during the revolutionary war  
 & while he & this deponent both resided in Richmond  
 in the state of Massachusetts that they lived near  
 together, & that she has lived within about two miles  
 of him ever since he removed to New Ireland &  
 Whitestown, that the said Benjamin was always  
 called a man of truth & veracity, that this deponent  
 well recollects that the said Benjamin entered the  
 service in the year 1776 as stated by him, that  
 he went away in the month of January, that this  
 deponent then resided within about one hundred  
 rods of him when he went away, that she knew  
 Captain Parsons Lieutenant John Sears & Ensign  
 Cook & that said Benjamin was said to have gone  
 in their company, that she remembers that there were  
 several others from the neighborhood who went at the  
 same time one of which was Luther Fuller who died  
 with the small pox in the service, that it was said  
 when they went away & so understood & believed  
 in the neighborhood that they had gone to Quebec  
 to join Gen. Arnolds army, that she remembers  
 when said Waters & said company returned & accord-  
 ing to her best recollection it was in the fall of  
 the summer & although she cannot be entirely certain  
 as to the time yet she has no doubt from her recol-  
 lection as to the time but what he was in the service at  
 the time, five months, that she remembers that the  
 said Benjamin together with the husband of this de-  
 ponent were both in Bannington Battle under Gen  
 Stark, that she should think they were gone towards  
 a fortnight but she can not be certain as to time

That she recollects that said Benjamin was drafted &  
 went into Captain Rathbone's company & was gone  
 to the north in the service how long they were gone she cannot  
 tell, she was well acquainted with Captain Rathbone

That she also remembers that said Benjamin together with  
 the husband of this deponent who is now deceased went  
 in to the service under Colonel Lyulbridge & went to Pittsfield  
 & Coaticton & Pollett as was then said & believed the  
 exact time she can not tell, that they were frequent-  
 ly called out on alarms & gone several days at a time  
 that from her knowledge of it she has no doubt but that the said  
 Benjamin was in the service as much as seven or 8 months

Benjamin Waters  
 Pension Paper

Subscribed & sworn before me this 26 day  
 of October 1832 & I certify that the said  
 Olive Sewey is a neighbor to me & with  
 whom I am well acquainted & that  
 she is a person of truth upon whom  
 testimony always can be placed

Olive Sewey  
 her  
 mark

In presence of  
 Bela Allen Justice of Peace Ste Baker