

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Eaton S45359

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State of New York Orange County } SS Be it remembered that on the 8th Day of April in the year 1818 personally appeared before me Joseph Morrell one of the Judges in and for the County of Orange Benjamin Eaton of the town of New Burgh and County of Orange who being duly sworn doth Depose and say that on the 26th of June in the year 1776 he enlisted in a company of Connecticut troops under the command of Captain Waterman [probably Jediah Waterman] in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Stores [sic, probably Experience Storrs] at the Town of Cambridge in the State of Massachusetts in which company he continued until the 13th of September in the same year when he was drafted into a Company Commanded by Captain Scott which company went to the North under Colonel Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and that this company together with two other companies were ordered back to Cambridge (after having marched as far as the dead River) under the command of Colonel Innis. After his time expired with Captain Scott this deponent enlisted with Captain John Kies [sic, probably John Keyes] in Colonel Dergas [sic, probably John Durkee's] Regiment of Connecticut troops that he continued in said Regiment until the 18th of December 1776 when his term of enlistment expired.

The Deponent then enlisted into Noadiah Wade's company in the fourth Jersey Regiment commanded by Colonel Ephraim Martin where he continued about two years when this Regiment being dissolved he was attached to the first Jersey Regiment under the Command of Captain Matthias Ogden where he continued to the best of his recollection about one year when he was drafted into General Washington's life Guard commanded by Major Gibbs [Caleb Gibbs] that he continued in this corps until the third day of June 1783 when he was discharged from said Guard then commanded by Captain Colfax [William Colfax] at the Town of New Burgh in the County of Orange ---

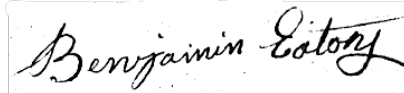
And this Deponent further saith that his discharge was Signed by General Washington and registered by Adjutant Whitlock of the Jersey = that this discharge is an honourable one and is now in the hands of Chaney Belknap Esquire of the town of New Burgh and County aforesaid =, = That this Deponent was in sixteen engagements² during the Revolution = served in the United States Service during the late war [the War of 1812] with Great Britain that he is now Sixty years old and in very reduced circumstances and requires the aid of the Government for his

¹ The version of this file posted on Fold 3.com is illegibly faint. The version posted on Ancestry.com is illegible.

² Given the times of the veteran's service in Washington's Life Guard, he would have been at the Siege of Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered on October 19, 1781. Therefore, he qualifies for inclusion in our database.

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S/ Benjamin Eaton



Sworn and Subscribed before me the 8th day of April 1818

S/ Joseph Morrell

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District of New York

Orange County} SS

On this thirty first day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the Court of Common Pleas it being a Court of Record for the said County of Orange Benjamin Eaton of said County aged Sixty three years, resident in the said County of Orange, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: – he entered in the year 1775 – in Captain Putman’s Company, he was in the Battle at Lexington – After that he enlisted under Captain Kyes [sic] and went to Québec under General Arnold, he then enlisted under Captain Wade Colonel Martin’s Regiment, then he was transferred into Colonel Oden’s Regiment New Jersey line, in the spring of 1778 he was put in General Washington’s life Guards, he served in that until the last of the year 1783 when he was discharged by General Washington.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz. no property of any kind no family but my wife and she is blind so that she cannot move about without some body to lead her. My certificate is dated on 19th day of June on 1819 Number 5594

Sworn to and Subscribed in open

Court on this 31st day of May 1820

S/ Benjamin Eaton

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 8, 1818 for service as a private in the Connecticut Continental line.]