

New York

Joshua Benedict

Of in the State of

*Who was a Sergeant in the Company commanded by
Captain Miles of the Reg't commanded by Col.
Tanfield in the Connecticut line for one year.*

*Inscribed in the Roll of Albany N.Y. at the rate of 60
dollars 00 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day
of March, 1831, and end 9th December 1839 when he
d[ied?]*

*Certificate of Pension issued the 5th day of Nov. 1849
and Sent to Hon. J. J???????, Albany N.Y.*

*Arrears to the 4th of
Semi-annual allowance ending*

Payable to his only

Surviving children, viz.

Electra Storing

Smedley Benedict,

Ard Benedict &

Anna Davis.

Recorded by *J. P. Chase* Clerk

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Declaration

In order to obtain the pension due Joshua Benedict at the time of his death under the Act of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

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On this sixteenth day of September 1845 personally appeared before the of ... County now sitting, Smedley Benedict a resident of the ... of Hungerford, Lenox & Addington... of Victoria District, Canada West, aged 45 years ... who being ... duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the pension due to his father Joshua Benedict at the time of his death under the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That his father the said Joshua Benedict died at Sheffield, U. Canada on the ninth day of December, Eighteen hundred thirty nine. That he was upwards of Seventy-Eight years of age when he died. He would have been 79 had he lived until June 1840.

That his father the said Joshua Benedict never applied for a pension (as Declarant believes) for many reasons. After the passage of the Laws of the U.S. he lived in Canada and did not know that he was entitled to a while living there. He had no one there to intercede in his behalf & being ~~only~~ old and infirm he could not visit the States to execute the necessary(?) [papers?].

That Declarant have [sic.] often been informed by his said father & others, that he lived during the ... of this revolution in the town of Danbury & State of Connecticut from whence he entered the service. Declarant does not himself have any of the particulars of his father's revolutionary services or the names of his officers. He had always understood that he served in the capacity of a Sergeant but then but also heard his father say that he served under Capt. Miles. He has heard the

father's brothers say that he served at one time under an enlistment of one year. Timothy & William Benedict were his brothers' names. They lived in Winchester Conn. And were them applying for a pension on their own account for a like service & they informed Declarant that if they could obtain their ... they saw no reason why his father could not obtain his also for he served with ... with them. Declarant does not know whether said Timothy & William Benedict are now living or whether they obtained their pensions. ... Declarant left for Canada shortly after said

And Declarant further saith that his father the said Joshua Benedict moved from Connecticut to Grand Isle in the State of Vermont. From thence he moved to Canada, where he remained until his death as aforesaid, with the exception of two years that he lived in Winchester, Connecticut.

And Declarant further saith that his father the said Joshua Benedict left no widow him surviving [?] and but four children all of whom are still living, viz. Anna Davis who lives in St. Andrews, Lower Canada, Ard Benedict who lives in Hungerford U. Canada, Electa Storings who lives in Richmond, Lenox & Addington of Upper Canada & the Declarant.

Subscribed from the day
& year aforesaid in of the
Court
{signed by clerk}

{ Smedley Benedict

As [?] the said Court do hereby certify that it satisfactorily appears to them that Joshua Benedict named in the within Declaration died on the ninth day of December Eighteen hundred & thirty nine; that he left no widow him surviving & but four children, all of whom are still living viz. Anna Davis, Ard Benedict, Electa Storings & Smedley Benedict the within Delcarant. And they further certify that they have confidence in the declaration of said Smedley Benedict.

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I certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in the matter of the application of Smedley Benedict for a pension.

*In testimony
whereof I have herewith set my
hand & affixed by official
Seal this Sixteenth day of
September A.D. 1845.*

*Darwin Freeman
Dep. Clerk of said Court
(Clerk Absent)*

State of Vermont } I Derastus Center [Const. ?] of the Town &
Grand Isle County } County of Grand Isle & in the State of
Vermont of lawful age being duly sworn in ...

And say that I was brought up in said Town of Grand Isle and whilst I resided here at said Grand Isle I know Joshua Benedict and his family. I lived near neighbour [?] to him. I moved to Lower Canada to Grand River when said Joshua Benedict moved from this place to said Grand River and resided not far from me. I resided a short time at said Grand River and moved back again to said Grand Isle where I have ever since lived. I was well acquainted with said Joshua and his family and have been acquainted with him at least 50 years & upwards. I knew him well, both at Grand Isle and in Lower Canada. I knew two sons of Joshua Benedict, one we called Ard and the other we called Smedly and one of said Joshua Benedict's Daughters, name was Anna. She married Elijah Davis a carpenter at said Grand Isle and he moved also to Grand River to Lower Canada where he still resided three years ago. I visited him there and I believe there were two Daughters who were unmarried when Joshua Benedict left Grand Isle named Electa and Lotty - as I was informed said Joshua Benedict moved from said Grand River to upper Canada to the county of Lenox and Addinton where said Joshua's wife Died & said Joshua survived his wife and was a widower and he died a few years ago as I have been informed and left his children surviving him as above named and as I was informed said Joshua was a soldier in the war of the revolution and moved from Danbury in the State of Connecticut to said Grand Isle. I cannot give the time of the death of said Joshua and his wife definite this was reported ...

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