

Pension Application for David Colver

S.17358

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th AD 1832.

The State of Ohio Madison County on this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Please now sitting David Colver a resident of the township of [??] in the county of Madison and State of Ohio, aged sixty eight 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 and served under the following named officers & served as herein after stated to wit, that he entered the service by enlistment about the first of August AD 1781 for the term of four months and served under Captain Aaron Hale in the redgimt [regiment] commanded by Col. Marinus Willet, and was discharged about the last of November 1781, that he resided at the time of entering the service at Spencertown in the now country of Columbia State of New York, that during the four months service he marched from Spencertown to Albany, from there to Old Scharra [Schoharie] and was stationed at the middle Fourt [Fort] until the term of service expired, that he had no written discharge, that during that term was engaged in various excursions against the Indians, that his detachment fell in with a body of Indians, that his detachment fell in with a body of Indians near the head of the Delaware River at a place since called Harpers-field, that a skirmish ensued in which John Sacket and Yocham Folkimburger were killed and a man by the name of [Hazen?] wounded in the shoulders.

That about the first of April AD 1782 he again enlisted for the term of nine months. That he resided at Spencertown in the said county of Columbia New York when he entered in the service a second time, that he marched from thence to Albany there joined Capt. Henry's Company in Col. Willet's Regent and there about the first of June AD 1782 enlisted for the term of three years was attached to Capt Peter B. Tearse's company belonging to the same regmt [regiment] commanded by Col. Willett marched from thence to Jamestown, thence to Stone Arabia from thence to Fort Plain, from thence about othe month of February 1783 marched to Oswego for the purpose of assaulting the enemies works at that place, but the weather became so inclement and troops becoming so [?] by cold and hunger that the project was abandoned and the troops returned a part to Fort Plain, and a past to Albany that this applicant returned there until the end of his term of service or until he was discharged, that he received a written discharge signed by Captain Tearse (which is since lost) about the month of January AD 1784.

That Capts Pierce, Newell, Harirson Wright and Carner belonged to the same Regmt, also majors Fink and Benscoten adjutant Fundy Lieutenant Wheaten commanded the forlorn Hope in the expedition against Oswego, that in said expedition Col. Willet's Redgmt was joined by troops called the Road [Rhode] Island Ridgement [Regiment] that he has no documentary evidence other than what is herewith exhibited, that he can procure no further testimony of his service.

And this applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and discloses that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) David Colver

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John Moore, clerk

Letter in folder dated March 16, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim S.17358, it appears that David Colver was born June 25, 1786, at Spencertown, New York.

While a resident of said Spencertown he enlisted August 1, 1781, and served four months as private in captain Aaron Hale's Company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New Your Regiment, and was in a skirmish near the head of the Delaware River.

He enlisted April 1, 1782, served in Captains Henry and Peter B. Tearce's Companies, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York Regiment, and was discharged January 6, 1784.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, whiel a resident of Deer Creek Township, Madison County, Ohio. He died October 24, 1847.

There is no data on file as to his family.