

Pension Application for Elisha Dakin

R.2627 (Widow: Fanny)

State of New York

Allegany County SS.

On this 30th day of October 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 Pleas of the said County of Allegany now sitting Elisha Dakin resident of the Town of Bolivar—in the said County of Allegany and State of New York aged eighty one 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 9th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—Viz—

That in the year 1776 but he cannot state the month, he enlisted for the term of ten months in the company commanded by Captain James Rosekrans and Lieutenant Thomas Lee in the regiment of Colonel James Clinton and was stationed at Fort Montgomery and that he continued in the service at that place until the expiration of his term of service where he was dismissed and returned home.

That in the year 1775 he enlisted for the term of six months in the company of captain James Rosekrans and Lieutenants Lee, but he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel—that a short time after he went into the service he was taken sick, and did not recover until after the term of service for which he enlisted had expired.

That sometime in the month of February in the year 1776 he enlisted in the company of minute men commanded by Captain Woodard and was marched to New York where he remained about one month when he enlisted to go to Fort Montgomery as above stated.

That in the month of January in the year 1777 he entered the militia service was a substitute for one William Colwell in the company of Captain Joel Mead & Ensign Hill, but he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel that he marched to a place called [Cowpo?] near fort Independence—at which place General Putnam and Genl Worcester commanded, and continued in the service about one month when he was dismissed.

That sometime in the Spring of the year 1772 as he thinks he was drafted in the militia service for the term of nine months in that he hired a substitute by the names of Titus Canfield, but he cannot State the names fothe officers as he did not rendezvous with the company.

That he was in the service during the war at short periods but he cannot state particularly how long he served.

He was born on the first day of October in the year 1751—in the State of Neijersday [New Jersey].

He has no record of his age that he knows of – He never received a written discharge.

When he first went into the service he lived in Frederickstown in Dutchess County in the State of N.Y.—that he has lived at various places in the said State until about eight years ago when he removed to the town of Bolivar in County of Allegany in said State where he now lives.

That Samuel King, Stephen Smith & Josiah Utter are his neighbours and will testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declared that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated June 7, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.2627, Elisha Dakin was born October 1, 1751 in the state of New Jersey.

While residing in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted in March 1776 and served eleven months as a private in captain James Rosecrans' Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York Regiment; enlisted in 1777 and served one month as a private in Captain Joel Mead's New York company; and served other short tours, no details stated.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 30, 1832, while a resident of Bolivar, Allegany County, New York.

The soldier married October 12, 1793, Fanny or Fanna VanVelson. He died June 9, 1842 in the Town of Friendship, Allegan County, New York. In 1850 she was living in Ingham County, Michigan, and aged seventy-eight years.

Their children were—

Lovisa born September 20, 1794

Jacob born March 8, 1796, Dec. 18, 1818, Mahala Bartlett

Judson born September 17, 1799, March 11, 1820, Polly Huftalin

Polly born March 1, 1802, Feb 22, 1821, Isaac Jordan

Charity born June 20, 1804, Feb 22, 1823, John B. Lobdell

John born April 18, 1806, Sept 20, 1828, Amirellis Southwick

Betsy born December 9, 1808, March 7, 1823, Danel labar

Abraham born March 10, 1811

Hubbard born October 17, 1813, July 4, 1844, Mary Smith.