

Pension Application Jonathan Dan

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State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this eleventh day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Present. John Tracy, Nathan Taylor, Levi Bigelow. Hezekiah Reed, Charles York, Judges.

Jonathan Dan a resident of the town of Norwich in the County of Chenango and State of New York aged eighty years and upwards 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 7, 1832.

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

In 1775 in the fore part of July he enlisted or volunteered for six months at the town of North Castle Westchester County State of New York into a company commanded by Jonathan Platt Captain, David Dan Lieutenant, had no Ensign as he recollects.

The regiment to which his company was attached and belonged was under the command of James Holmes Colonel, the names of the other regimental officers does not recollect. Always understood that General Schuyler was the commandant of the Brigade but was never reviewed by a General—passed muster at Bedford Westchester County about the week after enlisted and there joined the regiment and then returned to North Castle and there remained about two months—this deponent acting as a sergeant, and then marched to Sing Sing and there remained one day and then went up with his company to Albany in a schooner remained at Albany four or five days—then marched through Half Moon and Saratoga to Fort George about three or four days after they arrived at Fort George this deponent was taken sick with the camp distemper and was sent at the hospital while he was in the Hospital his company left the effort and went up to St. Johns as he understood remained in the Hospital about four weeks and when he recovered the Hospital Physicians told him to go home as his regiment had left and there was no way for him to join his regiment and in a few days he did go home.

He had no discharge about what the physicians at the hospital told him should he considered a discharge as there was no one at the Fort to discharge him—was engaged in no battle or skirmish. Gilbert Reed Sergeant, Silas Schofield, James Worden, Samuel Ticker, John Budd, Privates and John Thompson drummer served in the same with him.

About the first of July 1776 enlisted for six months at North Castle Westchester County New York into a company commanded by Benonai Platt Captain thinks one Nathaniel Gray was Lieutenant. The Regiment to which his company was attached and belonged was under the command of Colonel Thomas Thomas the names of the other regimental officers does not recollect. Understood that General Clinton was a commandant of the Brigade but was never reviewed by a General – joined the company

in about a week after he enlisted at Tarrytown and then marched down to Fort Independence and were there stationed and remained there building the fort about two months or ten weeks and then marched with his regiment to White Plains and was there about two weeks before the battle of White Plains,—in a few days after they arrived at White Plains was taken sick and was put into the hospital and the day before the battle he went home being discharged verbally by the Captain on account of his sickness and if he recovered so as to be able to do duty he was to return to his company but he did not recover so as to be able to do duty until after the six months for which he had enlisted had expired—was engaged in no battle or skirmish during his term of service Moses Simmons & one Mason Sergeants, Abraham Akely, Abraham Green, Benjamin Young, one Washburn, privates served in the same company with him.

And he further states that has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Silas Schofield of Lysander Onondaga County whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

In answer to the interrogatories required to be put by the War Department to applicants for pensions he answers as follows Viz.

1. He was born at North Stanford Fairfield County Connecticut the twenty seventh day of March 1752.
2. Has no record of his age.
3. Each time he enlisted he resided at North Castle Westchester County New York and remained in Westchester County until the year 1783 and then went to Stanford Dutchess [Dutchess] County and there remained four years and then lived at Catskill then removed back to Stanford and then removed in the year 1792 to Norwich County of Chenango where he now resides and where he has ever since resided.
4. He enlisted voluntarily each time.
5. Was always discharged verbally once by the Captain and once by the hospital physicians.
6. Saw General Heath and General Scott at Fort Independence—there were several Continental Regiments joined his regiment at Fort Independence but he knows not the names of the commanders. The general circumstances of his services are stated as fully in the body of his declaration as he can recollect them.
7. He gives the names of Obediah German, late Judge Peres Randall, late Clerk Jarvis R. Pike clerk Samuel Pike, Justice of the Peace James Birdsall, Cashier of the Bank of Chenango Edmund Perber, Farmer all of Norwich Chenango County his present residence as men to whom he is known and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He also gives the names of Rev. Jedediah Randall and John Randall, also of the same town & country.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jonathan Dan

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. K. Pike, Clk