

Pension Application for Samuel Dan

S.23590

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester, Samuel Dan of the town of Poundridge, county & State aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being first duly 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 of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That is to say on or about the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, this declarant enlisted as a private soldier under Captain Abijah Gilbert for the term of six months. That he this declarant served his time out in actual service under arms and was honorably discharged. That the said Captain lived in South Salem in the said County of Westchester.

That after said enlistment this declarant immediately joined said company and was attached to Colonel Thomas Thomas Regiment and marched to Sing Sing TarryTown and to Fort Independence where this declarant helped build the fort 2 barracks at that place was stationed at said Fort Independence for several months but the particular time this declarant was garrisoned at said Fort he cannot recollect with certainty but well recollects he entered the service as aforesaid & served out his time faithfully and then returned to Poundridge aforesaid.

That this declarant volunteered his service and was under Captain Ebenezer Schofield, Captain William Faucher, Captain Samuel Lewis and [?] a true friend to the said [?]

That this declarant volunteered and entered the service every year during the revolutionary war, that he was ordered & marched on the lines in Westchester County was at the Battle at White Plains was at [?] so called but now Saugatuck in the engagement with the enemy well recollects that General Arnold was there and that a number was killed on both sides that this declarant was appointed Corporal and was so true to his country that he was often called on and was always ready to serve his country in said war and was marched on to the lines where we had frequent skirmishes with the British and the Tories below the lines so called and was very much exposed during the whole of the said war of the revolution.

That this declarant once went as a substitute for Caleb Comstock in New Canaan in Fairfield County & State of Connecticut that there was an old ship lay near the City of New York at this time that this declarant served as a substitute called the Asia this declarant cannot recollect the time he served as a substitute but it was before the British took New York and the time he served as a substitute this declarant thinks was not over one month.

That his declarant is very infirm and his memory is not sufficient to related the dates or all the particulars of his said service as fully as he might but this declarant well recollects that he suffered much in the Revolutionary War that much very much of the said service was hard and this declarant cannot in justice to himself from the loss of his memory and old age undertake to say with certainty the whole time he was in actual service in the revolutionary war but from his well recollection of his suffering and being out every year from the beginning to the end of sais war.

That this declarant served as he verily believes for at least one year & a half and very likely two years and would not say but the time was three years and more.

That this declarant would rather fall short of the time than overrun.

That this declarant was born on the twenty ninth day of June one thousand seven hundred & fifty three at Poundridge in the County of Westchester aforesaid where his now lives and always has resided except when called into the service I the revolutionary war.

That this declarant has a record of his age now before him from which he has made the aforesaid statement of his birth and present age.

That this declarant was always living at Poundridge aforesaid when called into service as aforesaid but never was drafted.

That he always volunteered & enlisted except the time above mentioned.

That this declarant recollects the following regular officers with the troops where he served as aforesaid (viz.) General Arnold, Colonel Thomas Thomas, Captain Abijah Gilbert, Captain Ebenezer Scofield, Capt. William Fraucher, Captain Samuel Lewis and a number of officers that this declarant has now forgotten their names.

That this declarant never received any written discharge from the service was always verbally discharged and ever received any written documents relating to his service in said War except the one hereunto annexed marked and that this declarant obeyed the said order [marked?] to the [?] saw the man hanged and believes he was attached to Colonel Cranes Regiment knew the said Colonel Crane in said war.

That this declarant is well known in his present neighborhood to Solomon Lockwood & Horatio Lockwood, both residing in the town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester who can testify to this declarant character for veracity their belief of his age & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and he hereby relishes 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) Samuel Dan.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Westchester