

Pension Application for Phinehas Davis

R.2753

State of New York

County of Suffolk

On this first day of January 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas, in & for the said County of Suffolk now sitting, Phinehas Davis a resident of the Town of BrookHaven in the said County of Suffolk & State of New York aged seventy eight years, & upwards who being 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 of the United States under the following named officers in the month of April 1776 & served as herein stated viz, Once about the 1st of April 1776 enlisted as a volunteer in Selah Strong's Company of State Troops at Setauket & passed muster at the same place that he enlisted for the term or period of six months.

That the company was stationed at Setauket for a short time, when the Captain received orders to march to the west end of Long Island & the company accordingly marched to the west end of the Island & went into the Line, with the regular troops, was in the battle of Long Island, after the battle the company retreated over to York Island & from thence to Kings Bridge & from thence to New Rochelle.

The deponent was here when taken sick with three others who were sent home in a small sloop procured for that purpose by the officer, & landed on Crane Neck & continued sick & unwell until after the expiration of the term of his enlistment & was not able to do any thing during the following term in his company officers were Selah Strong Captain, Lieutenant Caleb Brewster, 2d Lieutenant Nath'l Brewster & the company was assigned to the regiment commanded by Col. Josiah Smith's recollects well Genl Washington, Genl Sullivan, Genl Putnam, Lord Stirling, Genl Woodhull.

Deponent was born in the Town of Brookhaven in the Town of BrookHaven in the said County of Suffolk the 14th day of September 1754 as appears from the record of his age set down in the family bible now in the possession of his brother Jedediah Davis.

That he was living in the said Town & trained under Capt. Thompson until he enlisted in the service as above stated & has resided ever since in the said town.

He voluntarily enlisted & was not drafted, nor a substitute.

He never received any written discharge & has no documentary evidence of his service.

William Gould, Caleb Newton reside near deponent & can testify as to his character for veracity & as to their belief or knowledge of his services in the wear of the revolution.

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

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Attest Joseph R. Hunting Clk.

Letter in folder dated December 11, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3753, that Phinehas Davis was born September 14, 1754, in Brook Haven, Suffolk County, New York.

While residing in Brook Haven, New York, he volunteered at Setauket, April 1, 1776, served as a private in Captain Selah Strong's Company, Colonel Josiah Smith's New York Regiment, and was in the battle of Long Island, after which they retreated to New Rochelle, where he was taken sick and sent home.

He applied for pension January 1, 1833, while residing in Brook Haven, New York, where he had always lived. His claim was not allowed as he did not render six months military service as was required by the pension laws.

There are no data as to his family.