

## **Pension Application for Joseph Dayton**

S.28704

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
Ulster County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of June 1834, personally appeared before me Abraham D. Soper, First Judge of Ulster County Courts, Joseph Dayton of the Town of Marlborough in the County of Ulster aforesaid, aged seventy one years who being first duly affirmed according to law, doth on his affirmation make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

1<sup>st</sup> He entered said service as a substitute for his brother, Jacob Dayton, who had been drafted from the militia, at the town of Marlborough aforesaid, and as such substitute served the term of two months, commencing in August 1778, and ending in the month of October following—that during said term he was stationed at Fort Constitution opposite West Point, on the east side of the Hudson River in the State of New York aforesaid, until said Fort was blow up by order of Major Dubois who had the command thereof, this affirmant belonged to the company commanded by Captain Bardowing Terpenning and was after blowing up of said fort discharged at [Mindaras?] Creek in the County of Orange the state aforesaid & the said Jacob Dayton is still living and this affidavit, this affirmant intends to procure, to accompany this declaration.

2d Immediately on the return home of this affirmant from the above service, the British with their shipping were going up the Hudson River, in the month of October 1777, he volunteered in the company of captain Jacob Wood to guard the shores of the river and served three weeks until after the British had burnt Kingston and returned again down the river.

3d This affirmant returned home to the house of his brother Jacob, after the above service and remained about one week, and being at this time an apprentice to his brother, he ran away in Company with a soldier who had been at the taking of Burgoyne, and went with him to near the White Plains in the County of Westchester which was then called the lines, and there in the month of November, entered said service as a substitute for one Gilbert Fisher, in the company of Captain Ecker, in the regiment commanded by Col. James Hammond, and served as such substitute in the capacity of a private soldier for the term of nine months, and was stationed at Philips Manor, White Plains and the vicinity thereof, guarding the lines against the British who were in possession of the City of New York—this affirmant recollects Captain Hyatts Company also belonging to Col. Hammonds Regiment at this time, at the expiration of this service he was discharged by Col. Hammond in writing at Philips Manor—but said discharge has long since been lost.

4<sup>th</sup> This affirmant, on receiving his discharge from the last mentioned service immediately in the month of August 1778 enlisted in said service of the United States

under Captain Richard Sacket, for the term of one year and served in his company, the whole term of said year, and belonged to Col. Morris Graham's Regiment—Wright Carpenter was Lieutenant in said company,—Genl. Washington[s] army lay at or near the White Plains at the time of this enrolment. Col. Graham's Regiment remained the whole of said year in the vicinity of the White Plains guarding the lines against the British, and Captain Sacket's company was sometimes at Huckahoe, then at the White Plains and along the lines.—This affirmant remembers Major Jonathan Graham, and Adjutant Hunt, belonging to said regiment.—He also recollects of seeing during said year General Washington, Genl James Clinton, Genl Wayne, Genl Scott, Genl Knox, of the artillery Col. Lamb. Col. Meigs, Major Fish, Col. Dubois.—He was during said term in the skirmish with the British when the Stockbridge Indians belonging to the American Army under Captain Neinham and his son, were all cut off with fire, Neinham & his son were both killed and Captain Goodwin of the New England troops was taken prisoner.—He served said term of one year as a private soldier, and Pelham, now a Methodist preacher, and residing in the County of Orange, belonged to the same company as a fifer with this affirmant, and he expects to get his affidavit to accompany this declaration.

5<sup>th</sup> After the last above mentioned service in the month of September 1779 at NorthCastle in the said County of Westchester, this affirmant again enlisted into the Artillery under Captain Scareman and General James [Turner?] and from North Castle we marched into New Jersey, at Morristown and several other places, and then into the State of Pennsylvania and remained at Lebanon in Pennsylvania, until discharged by General [Turner?] having served the term of nine months during this term of service he was most of the time a servant to General [Turner?] and does not know of any person living at this time who was with him in this service.

This affirmant further says that after receiving his discharge from Genl Turner, he returned to Westchester in the summer of 1780,—and was employed in building the Continental Bridge at the mouth of Grotan River and worked at said bridge about six weeks, and was taken prisoner by a company of Refugees, and carried to the British at New York, during this imprisonment he was whipped and badly treated, until he ran away and returned home to the house of his brother Jacob on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781 and has resided ever since in the County of Ulster aforesaid—and this affirmant further says in answer to the interrogatories required to be put to him by the War department—He was born at NorthCastle in the County of Westchester and State of New York on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1765—He has no record of his age, it having been lost during the Revolutionary War—He resided in the Town of Marlborough in the County of Ulster in the State aforesaid when he entered the two first terms of his services, and entered the remaining terms of services in the County of Westchester in said state, and since the Revolutionary War he has always resided in the County of Ulster aforesaid and still resides there.

He entered the first term of service as a substitute for Jacob Dayton, and the third term of service as a substitute for Gilbert Fisher, all the other terms of service he entered as a volunteer.

He cannot state any other offering or general circumstances of his services than as he in above set forth.

He received written discharges from Col. Hammond, Col. Graham, and Genl Turner—but they have been long since lost or destroyed.

That he is well known to Benjamin Sands, Jonathan Hunt, and all his neighbors who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And this affirmant further says that he has been for some years past and still is unable to attend the County Court which are held at Kingston in the said County of Ulster about eighteen miles from his residence in consequence of blindness, lameness, and general bodily weakness and debility.

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) J. G. Dayton

Subscribed and affirmed to before me on the day and year first above written A. D. Soper, First Judge.

Letter in folder dated September 26, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Joseph Dayton, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

You are furnished herein the record of the only soldier names Joseph Dayton found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim S.28704, based upon his service in that war.

Joseph Dayton was born May 25, 1765, in North Castle, Westchester County, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Marlborough, Ulster County, New York he enlisted in August, 1777 as a substitute for his brother, Jacob Dayton, who was born April 4, 1749, and served two months as private in Captain Bardowine Terpenning's company, under Major DuBois, in the New York troops, stationed at Fort Constitution. Immediately upon his return home, he volunteered in October, 1777, served three weeks as private in Captain Jacob Wood's New York company, engaged in guarding the shores of the Hudson River. After this tour of service he returned to the home of his brother, Jacob Dayton, to whom he was an apprentice in the blacksmithing business, remained there about one week then ran away to White Plains, Westchester County, New York, with a soldier who had been at the taking of Burgoyne and there volunteered in November, 1777, served as private in Captain Ecker's or Hiatt's company, Colonel James Newman's New York regiment, length of this tour nine months. He volunteered in August, 1778, served one year as private in Captain Richard Sackett's company, Colonel Morris Graham's New York regiment, and during this tour was in a skirmish with the British. He enlisted in September 1779, at North Castle, New York, served as teamster in Captain Seareman's or Seareum's New York company, length of this tour

nine months, after which, he returned to Westchester County, and in the summer of 1780 was employed in building the Continental Bridge at the mouth of Groton River, and after serving about six weeks, was taken prisoner by a company of refugees, carried to the British at New York and there imprisoned until he made his escape and ran away to his brother Jacob's home, September 27, 1781.

After the Revolution, Joseph Dayton continued to reside in Ulster County, New York.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed June 27, 1854, while a resident of Marlborough, Ulster County, New York, where he was still living in 1835.

In 1835, children of the soldier, Joseph Dayton, were referred to, but their names and the name of his wife were not given.

In 1854, soldier's brother, Jacob Dayton, was a resident of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, and Jacob's son, Cornbury, aged sixty-two years, was living with him.