

Pension Application for William G. Deak or Deake

S.12764

State of New York

County of Livingston SS.

On this 26th day of May 1835, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Livingston County now sitting William G. Dake aged seventy four years & upward a resident of the town of Portage in the County of Allegany & State of New York 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the officers hereinafter named & served as hereinafter stated.

The deponent during the Revolutionary War lived in Cambridge then in the County of Albany now Washington County. That in the year 1778 the deponent then being seventeen years old was enrolled as a militia man & in September of that year was drafted to go to fort Edward—he went there & was there three or four weeks until he was discharged & a part of the time while there they were employed on scouting expeditions. Major Chipman commanded the fort & the deponent's company was commanded by Captain Whitesides. Afterwards during the same year the deponent was out on two or three sudden expeditions.

In the year 1779 this deponent was called out to go to Palmertown & was at that place tree or four weeks & during the same year he went three of four different times to Fort Ann & Fort Edwards [Edward] & each time was absent two or three weeks.

In 1780 in the month of September the deponent with others were ordered to fort Ann & after remaining there three weeks returned home. The day after they arrived at home they were ordered back in consequence of the enemy having come on & burn Fort Ann & Fort Edwards; they pursued the enemy as far as lake George & were gone eight days or thereabouts. Previous to this & in the same year the deponent was called out twice to go to Fort Ann.

This deponent also remembers that in 1779 it was reported that the enemy were coming to rebuild Ticonderoga & in consequence of such report he was called out to go to Lake Champlain. They did not cross the lake for the want of boats. This deponent was then under Colonel VanWort, & Capt. William Brown—remembers that Governor George Clinton was there at that time.

In 1781 this deponent was repeatedly called out on sudden expeditions—as mentioned in respect to the preceding years. But this deponent was so frequently called out for periods of from two to five weeks each from the year 1778 to the close of the war that he cannot now state definitely the precise length of time he was in actual service nor the times when such service was rendered but has no doubt he served in the year 1778 at least two months & a half in the year 1779 at least three months; in 1780 at least three months in 1781 at least one month.

And I the said William G. Dake hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state---And that I am the same William G. Dake mentioned in the affidavit of Charles Dake hereto annexed & the same person who is mentioned as William Dake in the Affidavit of Jabez Mosher annexed to the declaration of David Mosher.

In answer to the interrogatories of the Court the said deponent answers.

1st I was born in Hopkinton in the State of Rhode Island March 6th 1761.

2. I have a record of my age taken by me from a record made by my father which is now at my place of residents.

3d. When I was called into service I lived in Cambridge then in Albany County now in Washington County & in the State of New York—in the year 1785 I removed to Greenfield Saratoga County where I resided until October 1830 when I removed to Portage in Allegany County where I now reside.

4th. When called into service I was drafted except on alarms & sudden expeditions; when I volunteered.

5th The names of some of the officers which I now recollect are Major Chipman, Captain Whitesides, Major Austin, Col. VanWort, Captain Brown, Gov. Clinton, Col. Sherwood, Captain Boult.

6th I have received written discharges from service, which have been destroyed long since as of no value.

7th The names of some persons to whom I am known in my resent neighbourhood & who can testify to my character for veracity & good behavior & services as a soldier of the Revolution are David Mosher, William G. Wisner, John Gifford. (Signed) Wm.G. Deak

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated Sept 9, 1905 written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your request for the military history of William C. Deak, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, you are advised that he applied for a pension May 26, 1835 at which time he was a resident of Portage, Allegany County, New York.

He stated that he was born at Hopkinton, Rhode Island, March 6, 1761 and resided at Cambridge, Albany County, New York when he was drafted September 1778 to go to Fort Edward in Captain Whiteside's company, Colonel Van Woert's regiment; was out on two or three sudden expeditions amounting to two and one half months.

In 1779 he was "called out" to go to Palmertown, Forts Ann and Edward, served under Captain William Brown, Colonel VanWoert; 3 months.

September 1780 in expeditions to Forts Ann and Edwards; 3 months.

In 1781 he was called out on sudden alarms amounting to one month.

His claim was allowed for six months actual service as a private in the New York Militia, at \$20. Per annum from March 4, 1831.

On April 20, 1835, his brother Charles Deake, Esquire of Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York aged seventy-two years, (on March 26, 1835) testified to the soldier's service. No further data.