

Pension Application for Isaac Delamater

W.20980 (Widow: Abigail) Married December 24, 1785. Isaac died July 8, 1837.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester in the State of New York now sitting, Isaac Delamater, a resident of the town of WestChester in the said county, aged seventy five years 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 following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he entered the said service as a volunteer on or about the first of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as a private in the company of volunteer troops of the State of New York commanded by Captain Walker in the Regiment commanded by colonel John Start for the term of nine months; that after he had served eight months in said company and regiment he was honorably discharged from said service at Kingston in the State of New York in consequence of bodily indisposition as is herein after more particularly set forth.

That at the time he entered the said service as aforesaid he resided in the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County of WestChester but enlisted in the City of New [York?] at which place he was on a visit at that time. That he continued in the said service in the said city one month next following his said enlistment. That he together with other troops was then put on a loaded of a sloop and proceeded to Albany up the River Hudson, to Albany in the said State of New York; that he was marched in said company and regiment and he thinks with Colonel Poors regiment to Saratoga & from Saratoga to Fort Miller, from Fort Miller to Fort Edward, and from thence to Lake George down which they proceeded in Batteaus to Fort St. John, from thence to Chamblee, and from Chamblee to Sorelle Point in boats, and there encamped; that the declarant continued there some time with the army, when the British advancing in superior numbers as the then understood, a retreat was ordered. That he relocated with the army, back to Ticonderoga, at which place they arrived on then, retreat some time, he thinks in the month of July 1776.

That he was stationed there until some time in the month of November following when he was marched from that place with some other troops, to Albany, he and the said troops were then put on board of Vessels in order, as he was then informed to proceed down the Hudson and join General Washington's army then in the State of New Jersey. That they came down the said river as far as Kingston where they arrived near the last of November 1776 when the declarant was taken sick, and being near the end of the declarants said term of enlistment to wit some time in the month of December 1776 he was honorably discharged after he had been in the said service eight months.

That he has no documentary evidence of said term of service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service.

And the declarant further saith that some time in the month of May in the year 1777 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in manner following that is to say, the said declarant at the time last aforesaid belonged to the company of militia in the said County of WestChester commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond.

That the said time was required to finish for the three months service a number of men, the precise number he does not now recollect, thinks that it depended upon the number of men belonging to the company , and that every fourth man was required to serve. That the said company was divided into classes of four men each. That the class to which the declarant belonged was composed of the following person[s] viz: Solomon Sherwood, Hezekiah Tyler, and David Devoe.

That each of the said classes determined by lot, which, one of three classes should serve but that the said, Sherwood Tyler and Devoe having families and wishing to remain at home, each agreed to give and did give this declarant each the sum of ten dollars to serve for their class. This was some time in the month of May 1777 as above stated, that the declarant immediately entered into the service of the United States in the company commanded by Captain Sybert Acker, as a private and served in the said company as such private for the term of three months then next following; on the American lines in the said County of WestChester, and at the expiration of said term of three months was honorably discharged at Young's house in the said County of WestChester near the crossroads. That said last mentioned term of service is proven by affidavits of Samuel Youngs Esquire and Tunis Garrison hereto annexed.

And the declarant further saith that on or about the first of December in the year 1777 Captain Gabriel Requa of the said County raised a company of Volunteers to serve on the lines in said County. That the declarant enlisted in the said company as a private, on or about the first of December 1777, for the term of three months, that he was stationed during said three months in the town of Greenburgh in said County of WestChester and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged at said Greenburgh.

That the said last mentioned term of three months service of the declarant is proved by the affidavit of Tunis Garretson, hereto annexed.

And the declarant further saith that some time in the month of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine he again entered the service of the United States in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Jonas Oeser in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond as a private for the term of one year. That he continued to serve in the said company and regiment, in the said County of WestChester from the said month of May 1779 until the 1st day of July following when being stationed at Mount Pleasant in said County of WestChester he together with five others of the said company were taken prisoners by a detachment of British troops under the command of one Captain Furgerson of the British Army and

called to Verplank's point, then in possession of the British and kept a prisoner there eight days, and he was then taken to the City of New York and confined as a prisoner in the Sugar House in that City until the month of May 1780 and was then taken to the North Church in said city and confined in it until the fifth day of November 1780 and he was then exchanged.

And the declarant saith that he claims a pension for the following services, viz.: For the eight months service in Captain Walker's Company in Colonel John Stark's Regiment in the year 1776 which service is herein before particularly set forth.

And also for the three months service in Captain Sybert Acker's Company of Volunteers in 1777 as before set forth.

And also for the three months service in Captain Gabriel Requa's Company in the winter of 1777 & 1778 as hereinbefore set forth.

And also for the one month and a half service in Captain Jonas Oeser's Company of Militia commencing some time in May 1779 and continuing to the time he was taken prisoner which was on the first day of July 1779, after he had served in said company at least one month and a half.

And also for the time he was a prisoner in possession of the British and kept in confinement by them, which was from the first day of July 1779 until the fifth day of November 1780 as before set forth.

Making the whole time for which he claims a pension two years seven months and upwards.

1st And the declarant saith that he was born in the year 1757 in the Manor of Philips in the town of Mount Pleasant in the said county of WestChester.

2nd That he has no record of his age.

3rd That he lived in the town of Mount Pleasant aforesaid when he entered eh service as herein before set forth, and also lived there from the close of the revolutionary war until the year 1817 when he removed to the town of Montgomery in the County of Orange and lived there until the year 1822 and then removed to the City of New York and lived there until the year 1827 and then removed to the town of WestChester in the said County of WestChester where he has resided since and where he now resides.

4th That he entered the service as herein before set forth.

5th Does not recollect any regular or militia officers in addition to those herein mentioned; that the general circumstances of his service are as before set forth.

6th That he did not ever receive a written discharge from the service.

7th That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify so to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary War, Samuel Youngs of the Town of White Plains in the said County of West Chester and Tunis Garritson of the Town of WestChester in said county, who are acquainted with the declarant and also acquainted in the neighborhood of the declarant that there is no clergyman in his vicinity.

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) Isaac Delamater

Sworn to and subscribed this 5th day of December 1832 before me in open court. N. Bayles Clk, WestChester Com. Pleas