

Pension Application for Daniel Deming

S.15092

Declaration of Daniel Deming in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Chautauqua County

On this 12 day of October, 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of Court of Common Pleas, in & for said county now sitting, Daniel Deming, a resident of Stockton, in the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy one years on the 28th day of March next, 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 7, 1832.

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

About the 1. day of June 1778, he, then living at Sandisfield, Berkshire County Massachusetts; enlisted for the term of one month, under Sergeant French, and marched through Great Barrington, Canaan, & Schodack to Albany, where he remained through the month, standing centry [sentry] at the Powder House, through that period every other day. Being then but sixteen years of age & having no acquaintance or familiar intercourse with his superior officers, he does not recollect them now by name, but he knew and recollects Sergeants French & Barker, Daniel Brown fifer, & Lot fuller a private acquaintance of his. The day that he went into Albany he remembers that a Continental Regiment, but the name of which he does not now recollect, marched out west.

About the 1. Day of July 1778 declarant & company was discharged by dismissal, in the manner in which militia companies are dismissed on parade days. He recollects that a company from Vermont, came into the city, immediately after the dismissal of declarant's company.

About the middle of May 1779, he then living at New Lebanon, Columbia County, N. York enlisted for a period of four months & a half, unless sooner discharged & served under Capt Nobles of New Caanan & Lieut Samuel Rexford of New Lebanon & marched through Albany to Schoharrie & kept the garrison there under Col. Vrooman, declarant's company was divided & a part stationed in the upper & a part in the lower fort. Declarant was in the upper fort under Lieut Rexford, where he remained about five or six weeks, when the whole company was marched to fort Boies at Cobleskill & remained there about a months, when they returned to the lower fort at Schoharrie, when in about a week, orders came for them to repair to Albany. They had proceeded about half way when they were met in the woods, by an express, bringing counter orders, & they immediately returned to Schoharrie & occupied the two forts, as at first & remained there until sometime in September 1779, when they were again ordered to Albany & after arriving there were suffered to return to their homes, on furloughs, subject to orders to return at a minutes warning.

After being at home a few days orders came to raise a company to go to Fishkill & declarant, stood his draft & was drifted about the first of October for three months service. This was previous to the expiration of his time, under Capt. Nobles, but with his approbation he went under Capt Cady, Lieut Rexford (the same under whom he was at Schoharrie) & Olmsted, he marched through New Lebanon & Nine Partners, to Fishkill, where he joined the regiment under col. Waterman & remained there on duty until discharged by dismissal in the manner above stated about the last of December 1779 & returned to his home through a very deep snow having served a continued period of about seven months in the two last mentioned terms, while at Fishkill a continental regiment was stationed below, but the name of which he does not remember. He recollects Robert Pratt, a companion of his in both expeditions & Jonathan Barea a drummer. John French, & William Treat with him at Schoharrie & Ephraim Treat & Daniel Brown, with him at Fishkill.

Sometime in June 1780, then still living at New Lebanon, declarant enlisted under Capt Gilbert & Lieut Rexford, & he believes Ensign Walker & marched through Troy & Waterford to Stillwater & remained there about three weeks.—Some American troops were lying about eight miles further up the river & declarant recollects that while at Stillwater, two deserters from those troops, were apprehended, with their horse & that he & about four or five others, he thinks under Sergeant French were sent with them to the American Camp. After about three weeks & after the alarm, which had called them into the field had subsided, declarant was dismissed in the same manner as before stated.

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

And in answer to the particular interrogations of the court now here, he says.

1. I was born in Worthington, Connecticut, March 28th 1862.
2. I have no record of my age, my family record, being burnt, with my dwelling house, several years since.
3. I was living in Sandisfield, when called into service, & have lived since the Revolutionary War, at Edinburgh, Saratoga County, until about the year 1821, when I removed to Penfield, Monroe County N. York, & lived there till 1829, when I removed to Stockton where I now live, & have since resided.
4. I was called into service by voluntary enlistment except upon the Fishkill expedition, when I was drafted, although not then bound to submit to a draft. I considered therefore, that service as voluntarily rendered. I always served in person & never by or as a substitute.
5. This interrogatory is as fully answered in my above declaration, as my memory admits of answering it.
6. I never received any written discharges but was dismissed in the manner stated.

7. I am known to Elder Bailey, Newell Putnam & others in my present neighborhood, & who I presume can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

(Signed) Daniel Deming

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. B. Walworth, Judge, Chau
Com Pleas

Letter in folder dated August 13, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.15092, it appears that Daniel Deming was born march 28, 1762, in Worthington, Connecticut.

White a resident of Sandisfield, Bertshire County, Massachusetts, he enlisted June 1, 1778, and served one month as a private in the Massachusetts Troops under Sergeant French, keeping guard at the Powder House at Albany, New York.

Having moved to New Lebanon, Columbia County, New York, he enlisted the middle of May 1778 and served four and one half months in Captain Nobles' Company, Colonel Vroman's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in June 1780 and served three weeks in Captain Gilbert's New York Company.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, while a resident of Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.