

Pension Application for John Deming

W.16556 (Widow: Anna)

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On the fifteenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Com'm Pleas in and for the said County of Otsego now sitting John denning a resident of the Town of Unadilla in Otsego County and State of New York aged seventy one 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 the 7th of June 1832.

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

That in the spring of the year 1776 he was drafted with 14 othe3rs from Capt'n Bostwick's Company in Colo'n Whiting Regiment at New Canaan in the State of New York for the term of six months—to serve as a guard to protect the Mills-Stores and public property at that place—that he served his regular Tour of duty during the said term of six months – and was dismissed.

That in the summer of 1777 he volunteered in Capt'n Bostwick's Company with others to serve as Minute Men for that season or campaign—that he was Equipt and drew ammunition and was held in readiness [sic] to go and did go on short expeditions and frequent alarms during that summer. That he was liable and in readiness to go at all times—and did go & serve about two months that season.

That in May 1779 he enlisted at New Canaan, State of New York for five months in the Comp'y commanded by Capt'n Noble in Colo'n Vroomans Regt, New York men. That he went with said company to Schoharry and was stationed at the Fort there until the time had nearly expired and was then march'd to Albany and was dismiss'd there by Gen'l Vanreselaer.

That in Octo'r 1779 he was drafted at New Canaan for four months and was put into Capt'n Kinney's Comp'y in Colo'n McKinstry's Regt, and was ordered to got to New York and did go to Fishkill nearly opposite West Point and was stationed there about three months and then had to go home and was not call[ed] on any more.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no evidence that he can procure but what is hereto annexed.

That 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) John Deming

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 5, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension Claim, W.16556, that John Deming was born in 1761 at Old Canaan, Connecticut.

While a resident of New Canaan, New York, serving in Captain Bostwick's company and Colonel Whiting's New York regiment, he was selected in the spring of 1776 to act as guard of the mills and stores at that place, and this term of enlistment was for six months as private. During the summer of 1777, he served at various times, amounting to two months in all, as private in captain Bostwick's New York company. From May 1779 he served five months as private in Captain Noble's company, Colonel Vrooman's New York regiment. From October, 1779 he served three months in Captain Kinne's company in colonel Platt's or McKinstry's New York regiment.

After the Revolution he lived in New York State, and about 1810 he moved to Unadilla, Otsego County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 15, 1832, at which time he was living in Unadilla, New York.

The soldier died May 22, 1837.

He married December 22, 1785 in Canaan, Columbia County, New York, Anna Halliday.

She was allowed pension on her application executed May 5, 1841.

In December, 1842 she stated that she was eighty years of age and was a resident of Guilford, Chenango County, New York.

The widow Anna died February 11, 1845 and was survived by the following children:

David W., who was living in Unadilla, New York in 1849.

Nancy Darling

Polly Benedict

Josiah

Welthy Chamberlain

John

Lucinda Sliter