

Pension Application for Simeon Deming

W.22928 (Widow: Mary) Married November 7, 1779. Simeon died November 30, 1836.

Simeon Deming was born June 1, 1750

Mary Deming was born May 1, 1761

Asenath Deming was born August 12, 1780

Asa Deming was born April 16, 1782

Noah Deming was born April 22, 1784

Elizabeth Deming was born July 30, 1788

Mary Deming the 2 was born June 9, 1790

John Deming was born April 10, 1793

David Deming was born August 6, 1796

Sarah Deming was born March 15, 1799

Anna Deming was born October 20, 1802

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this sixteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared before me Restcome Potter one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Simeon Deming a resident of the town of Glenville ins aid County aged eighty two years and upwards, 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.

He was born in the township of Weatherfield in the State of Connecticut, on the first day of June 1750. He was living in the township of New Canaan in said State of Connecticut when he entered the service of the United States in the army of the revolution. He has lived there since the revolutionary war all the time except for the last thirty six years, during which period he has resided in the town of Glenville aforesaid.

He served under two engagements – one with the regular troops, the other with the militia. In the former for the term of one year, in the latter for a term exceeding one year. But he has charged his memory so little with dates, and is now so aged & infirm, that his memory does not serve him sufficiently well to remember the names of all the officers under whom & with whom he served, no yet can he specify all the posts at which he served, the different battles & skirmishes in which he engaged nor all the particular periods of his service.

He remembers well however that he enlisted in the spring of the year 1775 in Captain Hezekiah Baldwin's company in the Continental Line of the army of the revolution for the term of nine months. The name of the Lieutenant of his company was Beebe. Although he had enlisted only for said term of nine months, at the expiration of said term he volunteered his services in said company for three months longer. While in this engagement of one year he marched to Lake George – was placed in the division of the army under General Montgomery in the expedition against

Canada – was at the taking of St. Johns, Chamblee, & marched to Montreal thence to Quebec, and joined the forces that were also bound thither under General Arnold. He remained with the American forces until they evacuated Canada, which he is informed took place on the 18th June 1776. He was present when General Montgomery was killed in his assault on Quebec.

His next services were rendered in the militia and he verily believes for a period in the whole exceeding one year ,but can only specify one term of six months; during which term he performed duty at Fort Ann, Lake George, Fort Edward & other forts & posts in that vicinity. He cannot remember the names of his company & field officers. The date of this service was in the year 1776 and he was absent in this expedition for the term of six months. At the time of the capture of Burgoyne & his army, he was at said forts discharging military duty in the militia for the term of about six months. He thinks he was then under the command of General Gaansevoort.

He never received any written discharge from the service. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of person now living in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution: viz—Nathan J. Culkins, Restcome Potter, and John VanEps—

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) Simeon Deming

Subscribed & sworn this 16th day of October 1832 before me. Restcome Potter, Judge of the court of common Pleas, county of Schenectady.