

Pension Application for David Devoe

S.10559

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 nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord and thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me the undersigned Edward Kemey's one of the Judges of the court of common Pleas in and for said County of the degree of counselor in the supreme court of the said State David Devoe a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant with said County aged eighty nine years on the twenty seventh day of December last who being by me 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 on or about the first of April in the year 1776 as a private in the company of volunteers of the State of New York commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Colonel (that he does not recollect the Christian name of said Drake) That he continued in the service in the said company and regiment for the term of one year then next following the time of his entering the same as aforesaid and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged. That he served during said year at fort Independence in said county at Dobbs Ferry at Tarrytown at Sing Sing and at Peekskill all in said county of WestChester. That he was in actual service during the said term and received pay from the Government of the United States as a private for the said term of service.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of May in the year 1779 in the company of militia of the said County commanded by Captain Jonas Oeser in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond that he continued in the said service in the said company and Regiment one year then next following the time of his entering the same as aforesaid and at the expiration thereof was honorably discharged in the said county of West Chester.

That he served during the said last mentioned term of on year in the said county of WestChester and was stationed at Crompound and at Peekskill and at several other military posts in said County during the said last mentioned year. And was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy during the same in the said County a part of which was then in possession of the enemy.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of June 1777 in the company of militia of the said County commanded at that time to the best of his recollection and belief by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond, on the occasion of some British Gallies sailing up the Hudson River from which it was then expected they

would land in the said County that he was in the service at the said last mentioned time one month and was discharged honorably in said County of WestChester.

And the declarant further saith he again entered the service some time in the fall of the year 1777 to the best of his recollection and belief in a company of militia of the said county then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond, that he continued in the service at the time last aforesaid in the said county one month and a half and was discharged. And the Declarant saith that he was in actual service during each of the terms aforesaid.

And the Declarant further saith that sometime in the month July 1780 while he was on an expedition as a volunteer, with some continental troops from Peekskill in the northern part of said County, into the southern or middle of said County he was taken prisoner by a party of the enemy and carried by them to the city of New York and confined a prisoner in the Sugar House in said City until the first day of January 1781 when he was exchanged. The he recollects particularly the day of his exchange as it was new year day. That he was a prisoner as aforesaid in possession of the enemy five months and a half.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded by me to the said David Devoe by [?] to the instructions of the War Department in said David Devoe on his oath maketh answer and saith.

1st That he was born on the 27th day of December in the year 1744, in Philips Manor now town of Mount Pleasant in said County.

2nd That his age is recorded in the Church Book of the Dutch Reformed Church at Tarrytown in the said county.

3rd At the time he entered the service he lived in the Manor of Philips now town of Mount Pleasant in said County where he has lived ever since and where he now lives.

4th That he entered the service in the spring of 1776 in Captain William Dutcher's Company as a volunteer; that at the other times herein before set forth except at the time he was taken prisoner, he was called into the service by order of the commanding officer of his Regiment as he understood but from whom he received his order the declarant does not know. That he never served as a substitute.

5th That the names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where he served were Genls Washington, Putnam, McDougal who were with the troops where he served in 1776 and Colen Sheldon who was with the troops where he served afterwards as also other Regular offices whose names he was forgotten; and the following militia officers were with the troops where he served viz, Gen. Heath, Colonels Drake, Hammond, Thomas, and the others herein before mentioned.

6th That he never received a written discharge from the service and that he always served as a private.

7th That there is no clergyman living in the neighborhood of the Declarant, but that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services

as a soldier of the Revolution are Ichabod Hunt and Aaron Sherwood both of said Town of Mount Pleasant, County of WestChester in the State of New York.

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 with his mark) David Devoe

Sworn to & Subscribed this 19 day of February 1833 before me. Edward Kemeys, George West [?] Com. Pleas County

Letter in folder dated October 4, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10559, that David Devoe was born December 27, 1743, in Philips Manor (later Mr. Pleasant), Westchester County, New York.

While residing in said place, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows.

From April 1, 1776, one year, in Captain William Dutcher's company, Colonel Hamman's regiment; in 1777, two and one half months, in Captain Jonas Orser's company, Colonel Hamman's regiment and was in several skirmishes.

In July 1780 while on an expedition as a volunteer, eh was taken prisoner and carried to new York and held in the Sugar House until January 1, 1781, when exchanged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 19, 1833, at which time he was living in Mt. Pleasant, Westchester County, New York.

There are no data as to family.