

**Pension Application for John Dockstader (Dacksteter, Dockstater, Docksteater)**

S.31654

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, John Dockstader, aged Eighty one years and 1 month the 19<sup>th</sup> born this day of Augt 1751 In the Town of Johnstown then County of Tryon now County of Montgomery and State of New York, aforesaid, who being first 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

This applicant declares under oath that Emediately after the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, that he this claimant was enrolled in the Company of Militia Commanded by John Davis, Capt.(1) In the Regiment of Militia Commanded by Col. Frederick Fisher in the then County of Tryon in the Brigade of Gen'l Nicholas Herkimer—That after Oriskany Battle where Capt. Davis was Slain therewith under the Command of Capt. Abr'm Veeder (2)in the same beat.

This applicant declares that Emediately after the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, Conformable and in Compliance of A Resolution, passed by the Old Congress on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1775 that the Militia of New York be armed and trained and in constant readiness to Act, at a Moments Warning.-----

That in compliance of Which this Applicant did furnish himself with sufficient arms and aequipment [equipment], and always kept himself in readiness at a Moments Warning to the close of the War, and that he had performed Service under the forgoing named Officers.

In the Militia—That he this claimant declares, that he was called out to go to Cachnawaga, [Caughnawaga] there joined Genl Schuyler (3) with his Militia in the winter 1776 there remained for several days. Once General Parade on the Ice, after went to Johnstown causing surrender of Sir John Johnson with about four hundred men, all armed, his object not Particularly known, but supposing that he either hath Calculated to go to Canada, to Join the British or to Commit depredation on those friendly to the Cause of liberty and Independence before they went to Canada, again previous same year 1776 in summer with the Militia to Sacondaga in pursuing the Enemy.—

This claimant also declares, that in the year 1777 on the Sixth day of Augt under the command of General Herkimer engaged in Oriskany Battle which was a serious conflict &c.

This claimant further declares that he hath been in the contested Battle at Johnstown then under the Emediant Command of Col. Marinus Willett, against Maj'r Ross (4) and a large party of Indians, Tories and some British Troops from Canaday, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781.

And this Applicant further declares that he has been drafted on many and Frequent Occasions, and Also Guarding and Watching at the blockhouses at Cachnawaga and Fort at Johnstown, and often directed to March at a distance to watch Guard and repel the Incursions of the Common Enemy and finally this Applicant declares that from the time he was armed and aequipped [equipped ]and in constant readiness at a moments warning, and always did March out on Every Emergency when called on, That this claimant views the Services performed as only one term that for and during the war from the commencement to the Close of the War, that this claimant, has resided in the Town of Johnstown during the war, and for a number of years, past a resident of the Town of Palatine, and now a resident of the said Town of Palatine, County of Montgomery aforesaid.

And that this Claiment 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, according to the Claiments knowledge. And further this Claiment saith not. (Signed) John Dackstater

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

End Notes—S.31654—John Dockstader

1. John Davis was appointed Captain of the Second Company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Abraham Veeder was the First Lieutenant in Captain Davies' Company. Veeder was commissioned captain on March 8, 1781.
3. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
4. Major John Ross of the King's Royal Regiment of New York commanded the British forces.