

## **Pension Application for Zachariah Dodds**

S.9849

State of New York

Allegany County SS.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834 personally appeared in open court before Asa S. Allen, Daniel Gillamn & Josiah Utter Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Allegany now sitting Zacaroaj Dodds a resident of the town of Cuba in the said County of Allegan and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted a private in the army of the United States in the fore part of the month of May 1775 at Swago in the county of Dutchess [Dutchess] with Elis Benschooten of the same town for six months in the State troops of the State of New York and served under the following named officers under circumstances as follows.

Immediately after he enlisted he was mustered at the said town of Swago under the command of Capt Lewis Dubois and Lieut Elis Benschooten and marched to Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie] and from there went by water to Albany where his company joined Col. James Clinton's Regiment. From Albany marched to Tyconderoga [Ticonderoga] and then by water when to St. Johns.

The siege of that place had been commenced before he arrived there. This company was stationed on the east side of the River Sorrell where they erected a Battery and shortly afterwards was ordered to [Longate] where he was stationed at the then fort St. John's Surrendered.

Soon after that his company went to LaPrarie and again joined his regiment—From there crossed the river St. Lawrence with his Regt and went down to Montreal.

That which place his term of enlistment having nearly expired he again enlisted in the same Regt for a corporal for six months under James Clinton Colonel—Elis Benschooten Captain Albert Paulding or Spaulding Lieut his former captain Lewis Dubois being promoted to a major –

Soon after that time went over water down the St. Lawrence to Dr. Chambeau and from thence, by Land 18 miles to Quebec. Was stationed there till the latter part of April or the forepart of May '76 when his regt left that place and went back to Albany on nearly the same route in which he has before described and in the fore part of June '76 he was discharged at Albany.

The whole of his service amounted to one year and about fifteen days viz 5 months and 25 days as a private and six months and twenty days as a corporal during which time he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

During this service he was in there in these several battles or engagements first at the siege of St. Johns secondly at the battle of Longale and thirdly at the siege of Quebec—When Montgomery fell his company was he thinks the next in rear. Remembers to having seen Cols Wyncop and VanScoych [at St. Johns and many other places and General Campbell and Wooster at Quebec.

From the first day of January '76 til he was discharged he did duty as a Sergeant but as he is not sure his name was enrolled as such as only claims as a corporal for that time as above stated.

And he further states that in the same month of June '76 he again enlisted in the service of the Untied States (as he considers it) at Albany for nine months under Captain John Tillman of Albany as a Batteau man. Thinks his company belonged to Col. Harmanus Schuylers Regiment of Batteau Men in the service of the Sate of New York.

Marched to Lake George when his Captain took possession of the government boats at that place and continued in the service of the American Army on that lake till it was frozen over and then were put at work on land making Lumber & for the Army till his term of enlistment expired in March '77.

And further that on the first day of April 1777 he again enlisted in the same Regt of Batteau men at Albany for nine Months under Captain Vanevery who immediately took possession of the government boats destined to run between Albany and Half Moon Point on the Hudson continued on that station as a batteau man under Capt VanEvery til Burgoyne surrendered in October and then was detached from the water service and sent as a teamster to carry British prisoners to Boston.

After his return from Boston he continued as a teamster drawing wood Iron, coal &c to supply a stop at Albany called the continental shop till his term of enlistment expired on the first day of January '78 at which time he was discharged.

And further this deponent saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in his first and second engagements but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades: —

For five months and twenty five days I served as a private.—

For six months and twenty days I served as a corporal which added to one yar and six months I served as a Bateau man makes in the whole one year eleven months and twenty five days I served as a private and [blot] months and twenty days I served as a corporal during which time I as not engaged in any civil pursuit and for such services I claim a pension.

Immediately after he was discharged as above stated from the Batteau service on the first of Jan'y '78 he went to Claverack thirty miles below Albany on the Hudson River staid there till spring then went to Berkshire County in the State of Massachusetts worked there til over one year then went to Connecticut and staid there probably one year then to N. York State one year then to Vermont and in the year 1782 moved to this state and has lived in this state ever since now lives in the town of Cuba as states above.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know any any person who can testify to his service.

But he further states that in the year 1819 or so he made an effort to procure a pension at James Morris and Abraham Pool then of the City of Troy stating that they knew him and were fellow soldiers with him at the siege of Quebec.—This affidavit was

duly attested before Justice Wilson of the City of Troy N. York and certified genuine by the Clerk of the County and then sent to the City of Washington.

In answer to it Mr. Secretary Calhoun stated there was a legal obligation to his claims because he had not served over six months in any one engagement.

He then presented his claim to Congress which was referred to the proper committee which made a report in his favor but the session closing soon after it was among the unfinished business and he did not again resume his claim.

He knows of no reason why those papers and communications are not yet on file at the secretary's office in Washington.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever except the present to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and acknowledged his subscription the day and year aforesaid. (Signed)  
Zachariah Dodds