

## **Pension Application for Lydius Durkee**

S.22741

State of New York

Washington County

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the judges of the Court of Com. Pleas in and for the County of Washington now sitting Lydius Durkee a resident of the town of Fort Edward in the County of Washington and State of New York aged Sixty nine years the first day of September last past 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That in the month of September in the year 1778 I resided in the town of Fort Edward aforesaid and at that time and place I was drafted from the New York Militia and went into the service under the command of Capt. Stockwell and Lieut. Thomas Boggs and I with the company marched to Skeensborough [Skenesborough] now the town of White Hall in said County where we were stationed I remained and did garrison duty while the rest were send out in scouting parties there were no other officers except ours and served and did the duty of a private soldier three months and I left the service in the month of December and returned home to Fort Edward where I resided until the first of January in the year of 1779 when I was again drafted from the New York Militia and went into the service under the command of Lieut. Thomas Bradshaw commanded and we marched back to Skeensborough aforesaid where we were stationed as a guard and we remained there until in the month of April and I served and did my duty as a private soldier three months & then returned home to Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until about the middle of September in the year of 1779 when I volunteered and engaged in the United States service under the command of Isaac Moss and joined a scouting party of about seventy we marched to Lake George and went into boats and rowed down the lake near to Ticonderoga and landed on the west side and then took our march through the woods to Crown Point where we remained two or three days and then returned back to Fort George and on to Fort Edward & served at this time eighteen days.

I then returned home and resided until in the month of October in the same year 1779. I then ingaged [engaged] with Henry [Bitelsy?] deceased to go up the North River about forty miles at the request and under the command of Capt. Shipman we went through the woods as Indian Spies made no discoveries and returned was in this service ten days I then returned to my father's in Fort Edward aforesaid where I resided until the first day of June in the year of 1780 at which time I volunteered from the New York Militia for six months, and went into the service under the command of Capt. Adial Sherwood and Lieut Ezekiel Roberts and Lieut Cornelius Baldwin and I with the company marched to Fort Ann where we were stationed I with the troops were generally engaged and sent out in Scouting parties except a sufficient number to keep garrison we remained here until the British Troops commanded by Major Carlton with

about 500 troops came down. Fort Ann was then taken and the officers and men that was in the Fort were made prisoners of war I escaped by being out on duty and as I was going in to the effort I was informed that the Fort was taken and I fled to Fort Edward soon after Fort George was taken also and the enemy went on and burnt Kingsbury also on the west side of North river opposite to Fort Edward down to Fort Miller and I remained in the service until into December when I was discharged and served and did the duty of a private soldier six months and then returned to my Father in the town of Fort Edward where I now reside and have resided ever since.

That I was born AD in the town of Washington, State of Connecticut.

That I never received a written discharge and have no documentary evidence and know of no person who can testify to my service except Simeon Moss and Lydius Durkee & Nathan Durkee whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.—

That Dorias Sherell and Samuel Bennet who resides in the neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

That there is no record of my age except it is recorded in the town of Washington aforesaid.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, that there is not clergyman [?] in the neighborhood where I reside. (Signed)  
Lydius Durkee

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk.