

Pension Application for Benjamin Dykeman

S.10597

State of New York

Putnam County SS.

On this Eleventh day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Putnam Benjamin Dykeman a resident of the town of South East in the County of Putnam and State of New York aged seventy one years in March last, and 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, 1832.

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

That in the latter part of the month of June or first of July in the year 1781 he was employed by Obediah Chase to go as a substitute for him the said Chase in the military service of the country & went immediately with said Chase to Dobbs Ferry in Westchester County & there joined the company commanded by Capt Daniel Williams & remained there in the service along the lines, guarding provisions verging the woods & [?] duties such as were required for two or three months when he was taken sick & removed from Dobbs Ferry to the Hospital at Peekskill, that a few days after he was put into the hospital, his father went to the commanding officers of the company & got permission for this deponent to be removed from the hospital to the house of Joshua Hyatt which was about five miles, he was accordingly removed to said Hyatts & recovered there a period of two or three weeks until he was able to return to his father's house in Fredericksburgh, a distance of not far from twenty miles, he remained at his father's house a short time when his health was restored & he returned to Dobbs Ferry & there rejoined his company & served out the residue of his term, when the company marched to Crumpond & were all discharged. The term for which the deponent became a substitute was seven months, that he served faithfully the whole period except it was the time he was absent on account of sickness & with leave of his commanding officers. The company was discharged in the month of February 1782.

Michael Dykeman was one of the lieutenants of the company and the name of the other lieutenant he cannot remember. It was either a Sackett or Mosier, one of them was lieutenant & one Ensign the Christian name of either he cannot recollect. Samuel Drake was the orderly sergeant of the company, some of the Continental troops were also stationed in the same neighborhood & they were under the command of General Putnam.

That during the time this deponent was at Dobbs ferry there was an alarm in the night which proved to be an unexpected meeting of the company of Capt. Mosier & Capt. Cherry, with American officers and firing upon each other, before it was ascertained that they belonged to the same army.

This deponent belonged to the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Joseph Dykeman, & that company was comprised of persons residing in the vicinity of the

English Army, the country was annoyed by the depredations of tories & cow boys, who were robing [robbing] and stealing every thing they could lay hands on & carrying the [?] to the British, Capt Joseph Dykemans company was required to furnish men for guards to stand at the different cross roads to observe the approach of the enemy & give a seasonable alarm, this deponent was often called upon to take his tour of duty in this way, was often called out in alarms & during the whole period of the war with the exception of the seven months which deponent served under Capt Daniel William he was often & for days together performing such duties as aforesaid, but he cannot say with certainty upon the period on any particular occasion, but it was often when he was called upon & whenever called he performed the duty required.

The deponent lived in Fredericksburgh in Dutchess County during all the period of the Revolutionary War except when in service under Capt Daniel Williams & then was in the County of Westchester.

This deponent further says that he has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person now living who can testify to his service as aforesaid, but his brother Hezekiah Dykeman & Isaac Paddock both of South East in Putnam County he believes can testify to facts that will so far corroborate the statement of the deponent as to satisfy the proper officers that this deponent rendered the service as he has stated.

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

That deponent was born in the Town of Reading in the County of Fairfield & State of Connecticut in the year 1761 & resided there until he was ten years of age when he came to reside in Frederickbsurgh (now South East in Putnam County in the State of New York & has continued to reside in said town until the present time.

That he went into the service as a substitute in Capt. D. Williams company all his other services were performed in consequence of a draft or order from the captain of this company to which he belonged. He never received a written discharge.

This deponent tis known to Isaac Paddock & Samuel Lawrence & believes they can testify to his character for veracity the [??] of his services. (Signed) Benjamin Dykeman

Sworn in open court Sept. 11, 1832, before me Asher Gilbert Dep Clk