

Pension Application for David Paine

S.14085 (Private Capt. Newell's Company, Col. Willett's Regiment. Died Dec. 11, 1842)
State of New York
Tompkins County SS.

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court in a Court of Common Pleas in and for Tompkins county to wit: Andrew DeWitt Bruyn, Benjamin Jennings & Nicholl Halsey Judges of said Court now sitting at [?] in and for said County of Tompkins & State of New York David Paine a resident of the Town of Caroline in County and State aforesaid, and aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 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 April 1781 (1) at a place called Nobletown in the County of Columbia and State of New York he entered a company commanded by Captain Newell (2) of the New York Troops in the service of the United States in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Marinus Willet for the term of nine months as a volunteer.

That he served during the said term of nine months and was discharged at Fort Herkimer by the said Capt. Newell in the forepart of January following.

That after his so entering the service he was marched to Albany where he was mustered by Lieutenant Trotter from thence he was marched with his company to Fort Hunter & therewith to Johnstown & from thence to Fort Herkimer—that at or near the Little Falls on the Mohawk river he was engaged in small skirmishes with the British & Indians.

That he has no documentary evidence of his said service, that he never received to the best of his recollection any written discharge. That he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said services other than the ones whose affidavits hereunto annexed and that he never learned to write. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) David Paine.

Sworn & Subscribed in open court before the Judges thereof the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Love, Clk.

Letter dated May 4, 1940, replying to a request for information.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim S.14085, based upon service of David Paine in the Revolutionary War.

David Paine was born in March 1762 in Freetown, Massachusetts; the day of his birth and names of his parents were not given. At the time of the Revolutionary War, he resided in Nobletown, Columbia County, New York; his brother, Thomas, lived there also.

David Paine enlisted in April 1781, served as private in Captain Newell's company, Colonel Marinus Willet's New York regiment, marched to Fort Hunter, thence to Johnstown, was in several skirmishes with the British and Indians near Little Falls on the Mohawk River and was discharged early in January 1782.

After his service, this soldier resided in Duanesburg, New York, moved from there to Caroline, Tompkins County, New York.

David Paine was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed October 3, 1832. He resided then in Carolina, Tompkins County, New York, where he had resided for about thirty years.

David Paine made no reference to wife or children. He died December 11, 1842.

In October 1832, Thomas Paine, brother of the soldier was a resident of Caroline Tompkins County, New York, aged seventy three years.

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1. David has the wrong year. Captain Simeon Newell's Company wasn't formed until 1782 in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. David and his brother Thomas enlisted in April of 1782 in Captain Nathaniel Henry's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. Captain Henry was unable to enlist enough men for his company and he was discharged from the service in July of 1782 and his men that he had enlisted were put into other companies. The Paine brothers were put into Captain Newell's Company.