

### **Pension Application for David West**

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State of New York

Columbia County SS:

On this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me at his residence in Hillsdale in the County of Columbia and State of New York before John J. Miller First Judge of Columbia County Courts, David West a resident of the Town of Hillsdale aforesaid who was born on the Twenty Eight day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty two in the town of Upper Armenia now aged Eighty 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 on the first of June in the year one Thousand Seven hundred and seventy six, this Deponent then being a resident of the town of Hillsdale aforesaid, then being in his Twenty fifth year, he the said Deponent, Enlisted for Five months, in the Militia of the State aforesaid in a company commanded by Captain James Spencer, Lieutenant Thomas Brown and Lieutenant Mantin Ray. The Philip Bonistail, Samuel Wiley, Ezekiel Jones, Elias Chapman, Michael Steephelberen, Seth Scudder and Isaac Ward were of the same Company.

That Immediately after Deponent enlisted he this Deponent Marched from Hillsdale aforesaid to Fort Ann, though the now town of Kinderhook, Green Bush, Albany to Half Moon in the County of Saratoga, through Still Water, Fort Miller, Fort Edward to Fort Ann, when Deponent joined his company and at this latter place Deponent and company Encamped and continued Encamped at Fort Ann, Five months and one half, this Deponent and Company marched back to Lansingburgh in the County of Rensselaer, from Lansingburgh deponent and company went to Fort George where deponent and company remained until about the first of November 1776, when Deponent and Company came down to Fort Edward, when Deponent and Company was discharged that this discharge was verbal.

That this Deponent served as a private Soldier. That this deponent has no written evidence of this service in his possession. That the chief business of deponent while at Fort George was making roads through Kingsberry and clearing the creek so as to be enabled to float boards from Kingsbury to White Hall.

That this deponent was not engaged in any combats or skirmishes during this period, while at Fort George Deponent was kept on guard, and also remained on guard while at Fort Edward.

That deponent was discharged near the second or about the First of November 1776.

That the period of active service aforesaid was Five months during all which time Deponent continued in active service as herein stated by this deponent in the manner aforesaid.

That this deponent knows of no person who is nor living to whom he this deponent might prove the services aforesaid. That he has stated the names of all the persons who enlisted with him that he can recollect.

That deponent cannot say, what regiment Company or line he belonged to during the five months enlistment so as aforesaid rendered and that he cannot recollect the names of any of his field or staff officers, save Lieutenant Colonel VanSlyke, General Schuyler, Brother of General Philip Schuyler, that he did not see any of the field or staff officers nor was he in company with any of them, nor he cannot recollect the number of his regiment nor the Division to which he belonged.

That in the month of May about the First of the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, this Deponent then residing at Hillsdale aforesaid, he this deponent was warned out by an order of Captain Jonah Graves to go to Fort George to move the stores and provisions of the United States from Fort George to Fort Edward, (this deponent then being within the beat of the Company of said Graves). That among the company who was also warned out at this time was Dyer graves, Benjamin Earls, Edward Spaulding & Isaac Graves.

This Deponent assisted in removing the provisions to Fort Edward & went to Fort Edward himself, that on a the first of June in the said year of 1777 after one months service so as aforesaid rendered Deponent received a verbal discharge from General Philip Schuyler to return home on a furlough to return home to Hillsdale to

secure his crops of Grain, that others of the Company of Deponent also received Furloughs from the same purpose and that the same was verbal.

That this Deponent in pursuance of said Furlough returned home & remained at home two weeks and secured his Crops when he returned as far North as Lansingburgh in the County of Rensselaer when deponent remained with his company and officers of his company for one week on guard.

That deponent then returned home about the last of June or First of July A.D. 1777. That Deponents & Company General while on this tour was Philip Schuyler at Fort Edward, that he cannot recollect any of the other officers, or the names of any other Individuals who were at Fort Edward than those stated.

That he cannot recollect the names of his regiments to which he belonged, the division, Brigade or Number of his company or line. That he served as a private in the Militia, that when he returned from Lansingburgh at this last mentioned period he was forced to do so on account of not having any provisions at that place, and his officer upon repeated and urgent solicitations having refused to join the main Army at Fort Edward.

That Deponent requested his officer to do so but he refused & ordered them home verbally. That deponent has no written evidence of his service so as last aforesaid mentioned. That this last period of his service was full four months including the two weeks he returned home to secure his crops. That all this time deponent was in active and continual service except the said two weeks on Furlough as aforesaid. That he knows of no person by whom he might prove the above service, and he knows of none by whom he might prove the same as they are all dead who served with him in the last mentioned periods as Deponent is informed and believes.

That on the First of October 1777. This Deponent was called out by order of Captain Josiah Graves, (residing in the Beat as aforesaid of said Graves) and being subject to duty under him. That among the Company was Lieutenant Stephen Graves and the other persons as aforesaid time Dyer Graves Benjamin Earls Edward Spaulding & Isaac Nobles. That this was a militia Company, and Deponent in the whole of the tours herein before stated served as a private soldier. That deponent started on the first of October 1777 for his residence in Hillsdale as aforesaid, and marched through Kinderhook

to Albany and from thence to Stillwater in the County of Saratoga. That Deponent and Company joined the Militia of the State of New York and there remained Encamped for Three weeks. That General Horatio Gates was then in command, and that deponent and company was about a mile distance at the time of the last Battle just before Burgoyne surrendered.

That deponent was discharged about the last of October or past the Middle at least and recollects distinctly that this service last mentioned was so rendered as last aforesaid and that he this deponent was in active and continued service from the time he left home to wit the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 1777 to the last of said month of October was at least three weeks. That deponent cannot recollect the names of any other officers or pensions therein those herein stated.

That he knows of no person by whom he might prove the services herein last or before stated.

That he believes all the persons by whom he might if living prove the same are all now dead.

That he cannot recollect the number of his company, his Division, nor any other officers than herein stated.

That Deponent after performing the service herein last stated returned home having received a verbal discharge from general Gates.

That he this Deponent has no written Evidence of the services herein before rendered to transmit to the Department.

And that including the time of Front to den from Still Water in this last tour deponent in addition to the said Three weeks active and Continental Service, Deponent was one week and one day also going & coming making in whole service and Travel as this last mentioned period Four weeks and one Days service including travel as aforesaid.

That Deponent in the fall of 1780 on the Fifth Deponent thinks of September was again called out under Colonel Pratt cannot recollects his given name, Major John McKinstry and by order of General Robert Van Rensselaer, Captain Josiah Grans, Lieutenant Stephen Grans and others. That deponent went to Albany from thence to German Flats, when deponent was stationed for a while, their company marched to Whitestown west from German Flats in search of the Indians that as deponent company and the other companies or Army marched west the Indians retreated. That Deponent returned from Whitestown to German Flats & then received a verbal discharge from Jonah Grans his captain. That he was discharged in the month of October the latter part, in said year of 1780.

That this deponent was in actual and continued service for three weeks during this last tour as a private in the Malitia as aforesaid. That this deponent has no written evidence of this service. That he cannot recollect any different persons that those her named that is other names than those stated. That he knows of no person by whom he might prove any of the aforesaid services & believes all by whom if living he might prove the same are now dead. That he cannot recollect any of the officers the division to which he belonged or the number of his company regiment of line.

That about the First of September in the year 1781—This deponent was again called out by order of Captain Israel Graves as aforesaid to go to Schoharie. That deponent went as far as Schenectady, and remained their three days then Company of Deponent marched on toward Schoharie, went as far as Schoharie, then returned and came back as far as Schenectady when Deponent and company was discharged.

That this Discharge was about or toward the last of September as aforesaid. That deponent was on actual & continued service Three weeks during this last time. That William Orr was Deponent's Lieutenant and that Samuel Spaulding was Sergeant, and Edward Spaulding was one of the company, one Mr. Daniels was also in the Company the three men others of the Company, Deponent did not at the time know who was his General or Colonel or any of his field officers.

That Deponent at this time received a verbal discharge.

That he knows of no person by whom he might prove any the last of the services herein before stated. That they are all dead as Deponent believes who served with him, at least he knows of none who are living by whom he might prove the above services.

That in the whole he served as a private, in the Malitia. That he is infirm. That one year ago the Second of April last deponent was attacked with the Palsey that since that his memory is much impaired but that previous to that time he could recollect better than he now can.

But that he can distinctly recollect the periods of his service. That by reason of such old age and the loss of memory he cannot recollect all his officers or the companies or regiments. But according to the Best of his Recollection he this Deponent served as he has herein stated, and that he served at least in the whole nine months and one half and for such service he claims a Pension.

That he has no record of his age. That he has seen the Record of his age in the family Bible which his Father's family had and that he does not know where the same is.

That he was born at Dutchess County in Upper Armenia in the State of New York.

That he lived at Hillsdale New York when called into the Service (then called Nobletown). That since the Revolution he has resided at Hillsdale continually. That he once enlisted in the service at the time of the Revolution and that other times herein stated. He was ordered out by his Captain or Colonels.

That he recollects Philip Schuyler General, John McKinstry Major, Robert Van Rensselaer General, and that he served as private Malitia soldier, first under and Elistment [enlistment] for 5 months, and that the other four periods consisted as herein stated and was services rendered the United States as a private soldier, and that he was [?] out on three four last mentioned periods.

That he never received any discharge except verbal discharges.

That the names of his neighbours who can testify as to his charracter [character] for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Harry Truesdell a clergyman, William White and Major Tyler now lately put upon the Pension Roll and Russell G. Dorr.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the Pension Roal [Roll] of the agency of any State.  
(Signed) David West

Sworn & subscribed the day and year first above mentioned. John J. Miller, first Judge of Columbia County Courts.

Letter in folder dated March 21, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of David West of Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York, who was born about 1752.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.16464, based upon service of David West in the Revolutionary War.

David West was born April 28, 1752, in the town of Upper Armenia, Dutchess County, New York. Names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Nobletown, (later Hillsdale), Columbia County, New York, David West enlisted June 1, 1776 served at various times to 1781, as private in Captains James Spencer's and Jonah Graves' companies, Colonels Van Dyck's and Pratt's New York regiments; length of service and one-half months.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed February 11, 1833, at which time he was residing in Hillsdale, New York. He died August 25, 1836.

David West married January 24, 1791 at Hillsdale, New York, Hannah Bathrick. Date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

The soldier's widow, Hannah West, was allowed pension on her application executed February 12, 1840, at which time she was aged sixty-seven years and eight months, and a resident of Barrington, Yates County, New York.

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In 1840, their son Amos made an affidavit in Yates County, New York, regarding the family record and in the same year their son David M. stated in Yates County, New York, that his mother had resided with him for two years.

In 1840, soldier's brother, Samuel West, aged eighty-one years made an affidavit in Yates County, New York regarding the marriage of David and Hannah West.

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