

Pension Application for David Baldwin

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State of Illinois

Hancock County SS.

On this thirteenth day of October eighteen hundred and forty tow in open court before the circuit court within and for the County of Hancock, the same being a court of record, David Baldwin a resident of the Town of Carthage in the County of Hancock and State of Illinois aged eighty one 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 provisions made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was drafted into the army of the United States in the month of May 1778, and served in Regiment of the New York Militia commanded by Colonel John Field in the company commanded by Captain Azor Barnom, and Lieutenant Thomas Hearst that he continued in the service of the United States in the Regiment aforesaid for about four weeks during which time he was engaged in guarding frontiers of New York and marched to Fishkiln [Fishkill] he further States that under the same officers he was afterwards frequently called into the service of the United States during the years 1778 & 1778 and was engaged in guarding the country from repeated depredations attempted by the British on one occasion he remembers to have assisted in taking prisoners one of whom afterwards executed as a spie, others exchanged—he further states that at the time he was drafted in the service e aforesaid he resided in the Town of South East, Dutchess County, New York.

Questions propounded by the court and answered by the applicant.

Question 1st. Where and in what years were you born?

Answer 1st. I was born in the Town of South East, Dutchess County New York and was born in the year 1761.

Question 2nd. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer 2nd. I have no record of my age except a memorandum now produced which shows that I was born May 5th 1761.

Question 3rd. Where were; you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live.

Answer 3rd. When called into the service I lived in the Town of North East, Dutchess County New York, where I continued to live till 1834, I then moved to Hancock County Illinois where I now live.

Question 4th. How were you called into the service; where you draughted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer 4th. The Militia were called out enmasse at the time above stated, and at Sundry other times I was required to render service, and on each occasion when the Regiment was called out I was required to be with them and I served in all more than three months.

Question 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer 5th I did not at any time serve with the Regular officers and I recollect in addition to the militia officers above named Major Jonathan Paddock and Captain Pierce.

Question 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom as it given and what has become of it?

Answer 6th I do not recollect to have received a discharge in writing if I received any I do not know what has become of it.

Question 7th. State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer 7th. I am personally acquainted with the Rev. Benjamin F. Morris of this County and Ebenezer Rand Esqr. of Carthage in said County.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. C. Davis, Clerk