

Pension Application for David Blowers

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 1st day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before James C. Wenworth Esquire one of the Judges of Otsego Common Pleas David Blowers a resident of the town of Exeter in the County of Otsego aforesaid aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath maketh the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in year 1758 in the town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and State of New York and has a record of his age now in his possession.

That he first entered the service of the United States in the year 1775 at the town of Hosick [Hoosick] in the then county of Albany now County of Rensselaer and state of New York, volunteer in the fall of the year into Captain Samuel Hodges company and Col. VanVorts Regiment of New York State Militia was mustered and marched to Fort Edward on the Hudson River near Lake George and there kept garrison at that Fort under the command of General Phillip Schuyler for the term of one month and was discharged by General Schuyler verbally and then returned home to the town of Hosick aforesaid and then again in the same year and same fall he again volunteered under the same Captain Samuel Hodge at Hosick aforesaid and was marched to Fort Edward again under the same officers stayed there 4 or 5 days was then marched to Palmertown in Saratoga County 14 miles west of Fort Edward and there kept guard to keep off the Indians and Tories for the term of 5 weeks or more and then was discharged by Captain Samuel Hodge verbally and returned home to Hosick aforesaid was out this time six weeks or more.

And then again in the year 1776 at the town of Hosick aforesaid sometime in the months of June or July he was detached in the Militia in Captain Elijah Russell Company Joseph Gifford his Lieutenant and in Col. John VanRensselaer's Regiment of State Militia and was marched to Fort Edward aforesaid and there did garrison duty about 1 month under the command of General TenBrinks of the Militia and was then discharge[d] and returned home to Hosick aforesaid and then again the same year soon after was attached under the same Captain Russell's Company and same officers and was marched back again to Fort Edward aforesaid and there did guard and did duty for another month and then returned home again and then again the same year late in the fall volunteered in the company of Captain Russell and went to Fort Edward again and stayed 4 or 5 weeks and was then discharged in the winter and returned home to Hosick aforesaid.

And then again in the year 1777 in the month of June or July volunteered in the New York State Militia at Hosick aforesaid in Captain Joseph Gifford's Company and Col. VanRensselaer's Regiment and was marched to Fort Edward aforesaid and retreated down the River under General Schuyler before Burgoines Army to Fort Miller and Saratoga and was discharged after about 6 weeks service and got home about the fore part of August to Hosick aforesaid and then again was called out with all of the Regiments under the same Captain Gifford and was in the Battle of Bennington under General John Stark and was taken prisoner by the enemy in that engagement and retaken by our Army the same day at the defeat of the enemy and was then marched to Saratoga and continued in the army under General Gates and Arnold until after the surrender of General Burgoyne in October and was then discharged at Saratoga by General gates verbally after about ten weeks hard service and then returned home to the town of Hosick aforesaid.

And then again in the spring of the year of 1778, he volunteered in the company of Captain John Palmer of New York Militia and marched to [Trulls?] Mills on the Hosick River in Town of Schaghticoke and County of Rensselaer and there served and prevented the said Mills from being burned by the Indians and Tories and one of the sargeants belonging to the camp was killed and scalped by the Indians

on a scouting party while he was in this service near this post at this time he served one month and was then dismissed by Captain Palmer verbally and then returned home to Hosick aforesaid.

And then again in the year 1780 about the first of June he at the town of Hosick volunteered in the company of Captain Edward Wells and Col. Warner's Regiment of the State Militia and was marched to Fort Edward aforesaid and there served three months and then was discharged at Fort Edward and returned home to Hosick.

And then again in the year 1781 about the month of June he volunteered in the company of the same Captain Wells of the Militia for the term of two months and served out this term at Fort Edward and Fort Ann and then returned home to the town of Hosick aforesaid.

And that he never received any written discharge from any officer and that he estimates his services during the war at not less than 15 ½ months and that he knows of no documentary evidence nor of no living witness to prove his service by.

And since the war he has lived in the town of Hosick in the State of New York in the town of Arlington in the State of Vermont and in the County of Genesee and in the County of Otsego in the State of New York and that he now resides in the town of Exeter in Otsego County and has for 3 years past and from his bodily infirmities that he is unable to attend the courts.

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

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. James C. Wenworth a Judge of Otsego County Courts.