

Pension Application for David Corbin

W.1151 (Widow: Sarah) Married on or about the month of May or June 1804. David died in the Town of Eden, Erie County, NY, on or about the first of September 1846.

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[Declaration of a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the Regular Army, to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.]

State of New York

Erie County, SS.

On this 3d day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting at Buffalo, in said County David Corbin, a resident of Collins in the county of Erie and State of New York aforesaid aged 75 years, who being of the Society of Friends was first duly affirmed according to law, doth on his said solemn affirmation in due form of law make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778, with Andrew Moody and served in the Second Regiment of the Artillery in the Continental line under the following named officers: Henry Knox was General, in Colonel John Lamb's regiment in Captain Andrew Moody's Company. Daniel Garrow was Captain[sic] Lieutenant and a man by the name of Ashton was another he does not remember his first name and a many by the name of Legraff was another Lieutenant and thinks his name was George, but does not know as he can't tell which was first Lieutenant the Major was stationary or was stationed and his name he thinks was Boman but cannot remember his first name, and he further states that he served under the above named officers with the exception of the Lieutenant from the first of March in the year 1778 until the fore part of January in the year 1782 when he was discharged and then hired a man by the name of John Albert Ruff as a substitute for him who served during the war has he believes, which was the time for which he had engaged to serve.

And this deponent further states that he was living in the year 1778 when he entered the service as aforesaid in the Town of Paulding in Dutchess County in the State of New York.

And this deponent further states that he was in a battle at Johnstown in Montgomery County in the State of New York in the month of October in the year 1781 with the British [sic] under Major Ross.

And this deponent further states that immediately after he enlisted which was at Fairfield in Connecticut he marched to West Point & from West Point to White Plains and from White Plains to Frederickstown in Dutchess aforesaid and from Frederickstown in New Jersey where they wintered the winter of 1779.

He was [?] which was in the year 1779, he cannot remember all the marches and countermarches but they wintered the next winter which was in the year 1780.

The next fall which was in the year 1780, they were ordered to Fort Stanwix where they wintered the winter of 1781, and in the spring they went down the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer and from Fort Herkimer to Fort Plain to where they tarried a short time and then went to Johnstown where they had a battle above mentioned with the British Major Ross, and then marched to West Canada Creek where they had a battle and killed Capt. Butler of the Rangers or Tories, and then returned again to Fort Plain where they staid [stayed]until some time in the month of December in the year (1781) and then marched to West Point where they staid the year out and until some time in January in the year 1782 when he got his discharge from captain Moody as aforesaid.

He received a written discharge which he has since lost.

He hereby subjoins a list of the names of some of the soldiers that were present when he was discharged as it may help to substantiate his claim, viz: James Slack, James Little, Seth Stocker who were all Serjeants, and James Brown, Thomas Griffis, William Swan, Hugh Polly, David Penbroke, James Penbroke, and David Penbroke Junior.

And this deponent further says that the last part of the time he served as a Corporal and his wages was \$9. per month. And he further says that he served the last two years as Corporal in said Company.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1818 (he thinks) he applied for a pension under that act and forwarded his affidavit but said affidavit did not contain the names which he has here mentioned within did it state he hired a substitute as is mentioned in this declaration. And that his papers were forwarded by Judge Forward who was at that time Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Erie where he resided then and where he now resides.

And he further states that he received a written [discharge?] from Captain Moody at the time he hired the substitute above mentioned which he lost and has not seen it for about 40 years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever, to a Pension, or an annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. (Signed) David Corbin

Affirmed and subscribed this 3d day of December 1832. Noah P. Sprague, Clerk of Erie Common Pleas.