

Pension Application for Thomas Daggett

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State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On the 22d day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Herman Knickerbacker First Judge &c of Rensselaer County Thomas Daggett a resident of the town of Pittstown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged seventy two years & upwards who being 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That this deponent by reason of old age and bodily infirmity and consequent loss of memory cannot state precisely the times he commenced or ended the periods of service herein after mentioned but according to the best of his recollection & belief he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in manner and form as follows.

That in the month of August 1778 this deponent volunteered his services as a substitute for a private soldier who had been drafted (whose name this deponent does not recollect) in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Hugh Van Kleck, Lieutenant Traton in a regiment commanded by Col. Hopkins at Fishkill in Dutchess County N.Y. That this deponent volunteered as such substitute for the term of three months and this deponent was in actual service during the said three months at Fishkill and served as a waiter to the officers of said Regiment during said term of three months when this deponent was discharged.

That in the month of September 1779 this deponent again volunteered his services as a substitute for one Samuel Avery who had been drafted in a company of Militia as a private in a regiment commanded by Col. Graham the Captain's name this deponent does not remember, but does remember that Lieutenant Bill was an officer of the company this deponent joined.

That this deponent served as such substitute for the term of six weeks that he joined the last Company near a place called Cold Spring in Dutchess Co., N.Y. & marched from thence to Fort Constitution nearly opposite West Point & was in actual service six weeks, parading, marching & guarding different posts & places in the vicinity of West Point.

That in the month of June 1780 this deponent again volunteered his services for nine months as a private in a company of militia at or near Cold Spring in Dutchess County N.Y. aforesaid that said company was commanded by Captain Rosecrantz (according to the best of this deponents recollection) in a regiment commanded by General or Col. Gansvoort so called & was in actual service parading and performing for a march to Fort Stanwyx for the term of two months at the expiration of which term the said company being about to take up their march this deponent was taken sick & unable to march with said Company & hired a substitute for the remainder of the said term so that this deponent was not in actual service

during said last mentioned time only two months & was in actual service for two months.

And this deponent further says that in addition to three forgoing periods of service for 3 months, 6 weeks & two months this deponent during the war of the revolution performed the following services.

That sometime in the year 1777 a man (whose name this deponent does not remember) was taken up by certain officers in the service of the United States as a spy & this deponent had the care & custody of said spy & guarded him day & night for one week and then delivered him to the custody of gaoles in Poughkeepsie N.Y.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1777 this deponent then residing in Dutchess County aforesaid volunteered several times to go & did go in company with his neighbors in pursuit of Tories & took & arrested several and this deponent & his said neighbors were desired so to do by committees appointed for that purpose & tho this deponent did not keep a memorandum of the times he was thus employed & cannot state the length of times with perfect accuracy, yet this deponent verily believes that in the year 1777 this deponent was in actual service in the last mentioned employed for at least eight weeks.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1780 after this deponent had performed the said service of two months as before stated & after this deponent had recovered from his said illness and in or about the month of October 1780 this deponent was frequently called out & joined a volunteer company of militia commanded by Captain James Tallmadge in Dutchess County N.Y. (the Colonel's name of the regiment this deponent does not recollect) and this deponent at different calls during the remainder of the year 1780 in the last said company was in actual service in pursuing tories & in marching from one place to another in the vicinity in all to the amount of at least seven weeks service during the said remainder of the year 1780.

That in 1781 & from thence until the close of the war this deponent was occasionally called upon to go with different companies of militia in Dutchess County in pursuit of tories & for the purpose of arming & guarding different posts & places under various officers some of whose names this deponent does not remember but recollects that from 1781 (the commencement of the year) he served a number of times in a company commanded by captain James Tallmadge & in a company commanded by Captain Rosecrantz in a regiment commanded by Col. Hopkins & in a regiment commanded by Col. Graham.

That this deponent was in actual service sometimes for only 3 or 4 days at a time & sometimes two weeks at a time & then was dismissed until again called upon and this deponent verily believes that from the commencement of the year 1781 until the close of the war, the said different periods of service when this deponent was in actual service would amount to at least six months besides the periods of service before enumerated.

And this deponent further says that he was born in Dutchess County N.Y. on 29th Sept. 1760 as this deponent has been informed by his parents & believes tho' he now has no record of his age.

That he never received a written discharge of his services and has no documentary evidence of his services.

That he lived in Dutchess County N.Y. until he was 27 years of age when he removed to Pittstown N.Y. where he has ever since resided & still resides.

That he is now infirm & unable to attend Court for the purpose of preferring his claim for a pension without [?] of his health and that he is utterly unable to bear the expense of travelling to any place except on foot.

That he knows of no person now living whose testimony can be procured except Jonathan cash of Pittstown who can testify to this deponents services.

And this deponent further says that he knows of no clergyman whose testimony can be procured who sis acquainted with this deponent.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Thomas Daggett

Sworn this 22d day of April 1832 before me. H. Knickerbacker, Judge as aforesaid.