

Pension Application for Daniel Dana

S.2156

Declaration of Daniel Dana, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this fifteenth day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court Common Pleas, now sitting in the town of Batavia in and for the county of Genesee Daniel Dana, a resident of the town of Pembroke in the county of Genesee and State of New York, aged seventy two years on the 16th day September 1832, 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 in August 1776, but on what day he cannot recollect, while he resided in Wilkesbarre in Pennsylvania he enlisted under Lieut Gore with the understanding that he was to join the New York Regiment not then complete—that he enlisted as a private for seven or nine months, but cannot tell which—that he served about seven months in the New York State troops or militia, that he found his own arms, blanket and clothing and ever received any from Government—that he marched from Wilkesbarre to Kingsbridge and there joined the regiment under Capt. Wisener—1st Lieutenant was Dallas and 2d Lieutenant was Gore—that the regiment was commanded by col. Nichols or Nicholson—the names of the Col and Lieut. Col. were Nichols and Nicholson but cannot recollect which was the Col. but thinks it was Nichols.

That he remained at Kingsbridge till the army under General Washington marched from Kingsbridge to White Plains and then marched to White Plains—that he was on the outer picket guard of the left wing of the army when the British attacked our army at White Plains and had a slight skirmish with the advance guard of the enemy and then retreated—the main action was between the other wing and the enemy down near the North River—The Brigade was commanded by General George Clinton under Major General Heath—The left wing of the army at White Plains was commanded by Gen. Lee—that he remained at White Plains till the latter part of November and marched from thence to Peekskill and remained there until he was discharged verbally, which was in February or March 1777 but cannot tell the exact time.—

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services.

That he was born in Ashford in Windham County in the State of Connecticut on the 16th September 1760—that he has no record of his age but believes he is of the above age from information from his parents.

That he never received any discharge from the service.

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.—

That since the war he has resided in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania about one year—then in Enfield, Hartford Col., Ct. about 14 years—in GuildHall Vt about 18 years—then in Pembroke, Genesee County, about 15 years where he now resides—

That the Rev. Hugh Wallace and Zaccheus Darrow reside in Pembroke, and in his neighborhood are well acquainted with him and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declare[s] that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Daniel Dana

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk.