

Pension Application for John Daniels

S.16752 John was born in 1760 or 1763, and died March 12, 1847. He married Mrs. Thankful (Gaylord) Frisbie who died Aug 4, 1846, aged 71.

State of New York

Essex County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of common Pleas in & for said County now sitting John Daniels a resident of the said town of Essex in the County of Essex and State aforesaid aged seventy two 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 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 stated—

That he briefly enlisted in the Militia service at Westfield in the State of New Jersey in a company commanded by Capt. ____ Col. Heard commandant of the Regiment.

That the company was embodied, & he this deponent joined them at Woodbridge in the State of New Jersey & went over to New York, & the next day crossed over to Long Island for the purpose of disarming and [?] the [?] there, that he remained there with said company over one month—this was in the winter of seventeen hundred seventy six, but this deponent further saith that in the month of May following he entered in the Regular Service at the same town of Westfield, State of New Jersey ,in what was called the five months service. Lieut. Hedges and Capt Amos Swan belonged to said company & Col. Courtland commanded the regiment.

That this deponent went with said company under said enlistment to Elizabeth Swan Point in New Jersey, & remained there a few days only, and then was ordered to & went to the City of New York & that very soon thereafter there as a call made of and from each company to go and build Fort Lee and he this deponent was one of the hands selected & went with Genl Lee & remained there about six weeks or two months & then was ordered to rejoin his company again, which he did at Long Island & there remained on duty till the Island was given up to the British.

That he this deponent was engaged in a [?] lakes at Flat Bush, & Genl Sterling was taken prisoner there.

That this deponent then repaired to New York with said company & from there was ordered and went to Fort Washington in a day or two after the British took New York—

That this deponent remained in service at Fort Washington for some time, was taken severely sick there, obtained a furlow & went home & remained about three weeks * then rejoined h s company again at Fort Lee.

That the British draws the American forces from there to Hakwaknar Bridge about four miles Col. Courtlands forces being the rear guard.

That from thence he with said company marched to Fox Hall & from thence to Springfield & from thence to Trenton & this deponent was then discharged some days after his time of enlistment was out.

And this deponent farther saith that soon after his discharge last aforesaid, the British forces came out near Springfield near to this deponent, in full view. That he this deponent shouldered his musket and went before the British to Springfield when a pretty sharp action was fought in which this deponent was engaged & was marched to Col. Sands regiment and this deponent farther saith that he soon after this went to reside with is Uncle Stephen Daniels at the [drawnder?] lands so called in orange County New York.

And this deponent farther saith that he soon thereafter enlisted to service teams under the command of Capt. Cummins, he thinks for nine months, helped man Sullivan's army, from Sussex County, [?] to Haverstraw & down the [?] for nine months & was generally employed in [?] part in Stores, & provisions from Sussex Court House to New Windsor & was then discharged—and this deponent farther saith that he soon enlisted again for one month to guard the frontiers & did that duty between Espous and Minisink & that for about five years thereafter he was required to be in constant readiness & prepared for action at any time when required in driving back the Indians which was very frequent & was so during the summer season.

That this deponent was out & engaged in the action on the Delaware River, under the Command of Col. Wearner & [?] who was shot through the shoulder & that three fourths of the militia there [?] & in that action men killed, and this deponent further saith that being a young man & without any family at the time, he held himself in readiness at all times for the call of his country & engaged in little or no other pursuits during the war, was frequently called to prevent the depredations of Indians & [?] & to guard the dwellings of the people where he resided, & their effects—well remembers receiving a [?] from two [?] for the [?] of Bruce & Morrison two refractory [?] in the said of Orange County to guard & thinks both of them under his charges & marched them before him, safely to lodge them in said Jail, with no other assistances but his fine arms, well loaded to his [?]

That this deponent has no hesitancy in declaring under his oath that he was employed as a soldier & doing duty for his country in the Revolutionary War for a term of time in the whole exceeding four whole years, but that he is not able to produce any documentary evidence & has [?]no written discharges. That from the lapse of time & his removal so far from the scenes of those actions at that day, he is not able to prove positively his services from a [?] neither can he produce much testimony except traditionary & circumstantive other than his own, relative to his services without traveling a great distance, in search of youthful acquaintance, & at too much expense, for him to bear, & perhaps might then should he undertake it [?] in his expectation.

The said John Daniels hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) John Daniels.

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year first above written in open court.
Leonard Stow, Clerk of Essex Com. Pleas

Letter in folder dated June 22, 1921, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 3rd instant, you are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. File No. 16,752, that John Daniels was born at Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

He as a resident of Westfield, New Jersey, when he enlisted in 1776 as a private in the New Jersey Troops, serving at various times under Captain Amos Swan and Colonels Heard, Courtland and Ford, and was in the battles of Flatbush, and Springfield. Soon after the last named battle he removed to Orange County, New York, and drove teams under Captain Cummins for 9 months.

The middle of June 1777, he enlisted at Minisink, New York, under Captain Cole and Colonel Wisner and was in the battle of Minisink and also guarded the frontier against Indians between Esopus and Minisink until 1783.

He was allowed pension on an application executed September 25, 1832, while a resident of Essex, Essex County, New York. 72 years.

There is no data on file as to his family.