

## **Pension Application for James Dan**

S.15067

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this eleventh day of December 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 and for the said County of Westchester James Dan a resident of the town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That is to say in the month of June or about the first of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he this declarant enlisted at Poundridge in the said County of Westchester as a private for the time of six months in a company commanded buy Captain David Dan in Colonel Thomas Thomas Regiment and was in actual service the said times under arms and was honorably discharged by the said Captain David Dan at a place called Harrison's Purchase in the lower part of Westchester County.

That some time in April in the year of one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, this deponent volunteered for service and joined a company commanded by Captain William [Famker?] it was said the British had gone to Danbury or in that direction in the State of Connecticut.

The said company immediately took up this line of march towards the enemy and just before they reached Danbury they heard the British forces had left that place and was thought they the said British forces would go to Ridgefield the said company immediately on this news marched for said Ridgefield in the state of Connecticut and there met the British forces and had a severe engagement with them & that General Arnold had the command of the American forces at said Ridgefield that in this engagement General Arnold had his horse shot under him and from Ridgefield this company pursued the British forces to [?] so called at that time but now this declarant cannot say the particular name of said place but believes it to be Saugatuck.

That at the last place [?] we had another engagement with the enemy Lieutenant Jacob Travis which belonged to our said company had his arm shot off in this engagement and after severe fighting the British retreated on board of their shipping.

This declarant continued as a volunteer in said company serving for most of this year.

This declarant was marched on the lines in the said county of Westchester and had many skirmishes with the enemy and was very much exposed to the fire of the British forces that were to make frequent attacks on us.

This declarant saith that he well recollects that he was on the lines so called in WestChester County aforesaid at the time of the engagements at Stephen Ward's

Home ins aid county with the enemy and was in actual service under arms for the most part of the year aforesaid.

This declarant continued as a volunteer in the service of the United States as a private for the most part of the time til about the Spring of 1777[?] when this declarant enlisted again in a company commanded by Capt. Samuel Lewis as a private soldier for the term of nine months and served out his time faithfully and was honorably discharged by his said Captain, that which under the said Captain Lewis this deponent was attached to Colonel Grams Regiment that this deponent marched to Crumpond so called what is near Yorktown in said County of Westchester and from there into Dutchess county.

That this declarant was marched near Verplanks Point where it was said the British was about to land from their ships of war and was who marched to different north of the county where he was ordered by his said commander until his time of enlistment was out and was honorably discharged.

This declarant continued in the service of the United States for the most part of the time during the Revolutionary War either as an enlisted soldier or volunteer.

This declarant verily believes that he was in actual service three years & more during said revolution was as above stated but as he has now nothing but his present memory cannot in Justice to himself state consistently any thing further.

That this declarant was born on the seventeenth day of February one thousand seven hundred and sixty at Poundridge in the said County of Westchester where this declarant has always resided except when in the service as aforesaid stated and now resides.

That this declarant has a record of his age in a Bible which formerly belonged to his father but now belongs to this declarant and from which he has made the above statement of his birth and present age.

That this declarant was always living at Poundridge aforesaid when he was called into the service as aforesaid but never was drafted.

That he always volunteered and enlisted as aforesaid and served for himself but never as a substitute.

That this declarant recollects the following regular officers and regiment that never with the troops where he served as aforesaid viz. General Arnold, General Wooster, Colonel Sheldon, Colonel Gram, Colonel Thomas Thomas, Captain Famker, Captain David Dan, Captain Elmer Scofield.

That this declarant never received any written discharge from service.

That this declarant cannot recollect the services named or named of the aforesaid companies to which he belonged but some of the companies was called Rangers come State Troops some volunteers some of them was called Malitia volunteers.

This declarant officers are all of them dead and most of the soldiers whom he served with.

That this declarant is known in his present neighborhood to John Slawson and to Horatio Lockwood both residing in the town of Poundridge in said County of

Westchester who can testify to this declarants character for veracity, their belief of his age and their belief or his services as a soldier of the revolution and 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. (Signed) James Dan

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 before me. N. Bayles, Clk of said court