

Pension Application for Solomon Darling

S.22719

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Delaware now sitting Solomon Darling a resident of the town of Harpersfield in the county of Delaware & State of New York aged seventy one 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.

In the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six the month & day of the month not recollected he residing at North East in the County of Dutchess went as a substitute for his father Aaron Darling as a private soldier for three months in the Revolutionary War under Gen. George Clinton, Col. Graham, Capt William Steward Orderly Sergeant George Robertson second sergeant Benjamin Cuthbath.

He believes his father was drafted or enlisted marched from North east to Kings Bridge remained there nearly two months were encamped at Kings Bridge when the British had possession of New York, went in guard from Kings Bridge to [blank] staid two days returned to Kings Bridge the army having left Kings Bridge we joined a regiment commanded by Col. Lasher's Regiment went with him to Fort Washington thence crossed over to the West Side of the Hudson River marched up to Peekskill and remained at Peekskill until the expiration of the three months and was dismissed. He had no written discharge. He returned home to North East on New Year's day.

In the month of July 1777 he went as a substitute for Anthony Collins who had been drafted for three months under Genl Glover, Col Graham, Capt John Rouse. He resided at North East Dutchess County in the State of New York proceeded from North East to Albany to Half Moon Point or StillWater the place of rendezvous remained there some time marched from Half Moon Point to Saratoga was at the Battle of Saratoga at the taking of Burgoyne, Gen Gates the commander in chief after the battle of Saratoga returned to Albany from Albany to Esopus reached Esopus just after the village was burned the ruins of the buildings still smoked when we reached that place. He was dismissed at Esopus the three months having expired & returned home to North East.

In the fall of the year 1778 he resided at North East in Dutchess County & State of New York & volunteered as a private soldier for three months under Captain Husted crossed the Hudson River at Long Docks opposite [Klimber fatts?] over to the west side & went in pursuit of the Indians reconnoitering through Marbletown and the Minicique Country marched over to the Delaware river at a place called Neversinque where the Indians had burned a [?] place and were said to have killed two men. He was out three months in this company & at the expiration of the three months was dismissed & returned to North East.

He has resided in the town of Harpersfield in the County of Delaware & State of New York for about the space of eleven years last past & ever since the several terms of services above set forth & described & until he came into Delaware County to reside he lived at North East in the County of Dutchess the place where he resided at the time of his services in the Revolutionary war. he was born in the town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess & State of New York and will be seventy two years of age the twenty sixth day of December next.

He has no record of his age nor any documentary evidence of his service nor is there any witnesses living within his knowledge by whom he can prove any thing in relation to his service except his brother Joseph Darling a resident of the town of Stamford in the County of Delaware & State of New York.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Solomon Darling

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated October 9, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Jonathan and Solomon Darling, and Abraham Peterson of Dutchess County, New York and that of Benjamin Darling who served in the New York Levies.

There is no claim for pension on file based upon the service in the Revolutionary War of a Jonathan Darling nor Abraham Paterson.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.22719, based upon service of Solomon Darling in the Revolutionary War.

Solomon Darling was born December 26, 1760, in the town of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, and was the son of Aaron Darling in the Revolutionary War.

While a resident of North East, or "Little Nine Partners", in Dutchess County, New York, Solomon Darling enlisted sometime in the fall of 1776, served three months as private in Captain William Stewart's company, Colonels Graham's and Lasher's New York regiment, was discharged and returned home on New Year's Day; this service was rendered as substitute for his father, Aaron darling; enlisted sometime in July 1777, served three months as private in Captain Rowe's company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment, was at the battle of Saratoga and the surrender of Burgoyne; enlisted in the fall of 1778, served three months as private in Captain Rusted's New York Company.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed October 8, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York. He had resided there about eleven years.

No reference was made to wife or children.

In 1832, Solomon Darling's brother, Joseph was residing in the town of Stamford, Delaware County, New York. No further family data are shown.