

Pension Application for Henry Davenport or Devanport

R.2680

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this twenty third day of January 1844 personally appeared before Robert Eldridge one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the County & State aforesaid, Henry Davenport, a resident of of [sic] the town of Seward, County of Schoharie and State of New York aged ninety three 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the command of Colonel John Snyder, (Lieutenant Colonel not recollected) in the company commanded by Capt William Richtmyer on one of the last days of April he thinks, in the year 1776 "but not positive" but does know it was the year on which the Tories and Indians made prisoners of Capt Jeremiah Snyder and his son near the town of Saugerties County of Ulster & State of New York, and the same year the Tories & Indians took possession of and hoisted a flag on the mountains, called the blue mountains, west of said Saugerties.

That he served in the said company until the last of October or first of November of the same year, at which time he was dismissed for winter quarters; that he during the whole of which time he was engaged in guarding the lines against the encroachment of the Tories and Indians.

That he was regularly enrolled and did no other business during six months or nearly that time, that in the spring of the following year he was enrolled as a volunteer in the same regiment commanded by John Snyder and Lieutenant Colonel(not remembering) and in the company of Capt. Livingston & Lieut Ostrander as a private, that he entered the service of that year on or about the first day of May that he served as teamster by the direction of Capt. Livingston and other officers, until about the 25 of October, or first November following that during the whole of such time he did no other business but that which he was ordered to do by his officers, that he daily answered the roll call and that he was employed to transport flour & other provisions from Esq Mynard's Mills to the fort near the foot of the mountains, that his team and loading was always guarded by a detachment of soldiers.

And he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

And he therefor claims a pension and arrears of pension from March 4th 1831 to the present time according to provisions of said act of June 7th 1832.

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 with his mark) Henry Devanport

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Robert Eldridge, Judge of Schoharie County Courts.