

Pension Application for John Davidson or Davison

W.16944 (Widow, Elizabeth) Married April 1, 1781 at Fishkill. John died September 10, 1834, in Otsego.

To the Hon. John C. Calhoun, Secretary of the Department of War of the United States.

The petition and declaration of John Davison of the Town of Danube and State of New York aged fifty nine years and upwards on oath setteth forth and declares that, in the spring of the year 1778, he entered into the nine months service, and before the expiration of the said nine months (viz) in the month of September or October in 1778 he enlisted into Captain Walkers Company in colonel Weisenfeltzts Regiment of the New York Line of Continental Troops that he served for some months in said Regiment when he was transferred into Colononel [sic] Cortland's Regiment of the said New York Line—on which Regiment and Line he continued to serve against the Common Enemy until the termination of the Revolutionary War, when at NewBurgh N.Y., he received in June 1783 and signed by his Excellency Gorge Washington, which discharge he, the said John says he has lost.

And the said John Davison further on oath says that he was at Monmouth Battle, at the Battle of White Plains on an expedition under Gen. Sullivan against the savages—and in a great variety or skirmishes.

And the said John further says that he is in very reduced circumstances; that he is unable on account of bodily infirmities, to perform any hard labour; and that he is really in need of assistance from his country for support.

And he further says that he is advised that it is in the power of the Hon. The Secretary at War, to place certain soldiers of the Revolutionary War on the Pension List of the United States and he humbly prays the secretary at war to place him on the pension list accordingly and in duty bound will ever pray. (Signed) John Davison

Sworn & subscribed 3d day 1818 before me James S. Campbell one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County o fOtsego in State New York.