

Pension Application for John C. Davis

S.15074

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before Aaron Haring, John Hand, Samuel A. Gillard, Henry J. Dievendorf & Abraham Morrell Esquires Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county now sitting John C. Davis a resident of the town of Johnstown County of Montgomery & that aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 was born the 5th January 1755 in the town of Marble Town County of Ulster State aforesaid has a record of his age in his family bible.

That he was living at MarbleTown said County where he was drafted into the served as a Militia Man in the Spring of 1777, early in the spring about the first of May. That he entered the service under Captain [Leonmaker?] was stationed for some time at Fort Montgomery but left the fort before it was captured. That the Colonels name was McLochlin & at Fort Montgomery General Clinton commanded that soon after he left the fort he went under Captain John Hasbroek to StillWater and was at the first battle against Burgoyne under Genl Gates after the Battle he was with others detached to take charge of prisoners to Albany but they did & then he went to Kingston where there was a skirmish in which he was engaged under Colonel Paulding against the British who burn the places.

That he remained in service that year to the best of his recollection & belief six months.

That he was regularly discharged but not in writing and he further says afterwards in March 1778 he enlisted in writing and he further says that afterwards in March 1778 he enlisted in Captain Pell's (whose Christian name I do not recollect) company in the nine months service. That he was marched immediately to Valley Forge & they were embodied under Colonel VanCourtlandt.

That he remained at Valley Forge some weeks that after the British left Philadelphia he with the Regiment went in pursuit & was engaged in the battle of Monmouth under Generals Lee & Washington, afterwards he was stationed at Brunswick & White Plains & he then hired a substitute who served his time out for the nien months & was paid by him.

That he himself does not recollect how long he served in the nine months service, but he did not get home till after harvest sometime in the fall & thinks he served at least 6 out of the nine months for which he enlisted before he hired a substitute was regularly discharged but not in writing.

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.

He now resides in Johnstown said county & has resided here 38 years past.
(Signed) John C. Davis

Sworn to & subscribed the 19th September 1832 in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated September 20, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Davis of Montgomery County, New York, 1818—aged eighty-five years.

The Revolutionary War records have been searched and a claim for pension, S.44121, found based upon service of a John Davis of Orange County, New York. In that claim was found the application for pension of a John Davis of Montgomery County, New York, who was the one recorded in the Report of the Secretary of War under the Act of March 18, 1818 and cited by you. At the time of the adjudication of those two claims, the pension certificates issued to each soldier bore, erroneously, the same certificate number. The records do not show that the John Davis of Montgomery County, New York, ever received his pension, but the one of Orange County did. When the Report of the Secretary of War was prepared, Montgomery County, New York, John Davis (who apparently received no pension) was included. The papers in both claims have been examined and the data found are given herewith, as are also the data found in pension claim, S.15074, based upon service of a John C. Davis of Montgomery County, New York, who was pensioned under the Act of June 7, 1832, which may be of interest to you. The Report of the Secretary of War referred to was printed in 1835 and the ages of pensioners shown therein are as of 1835 and not as of the date of the pension act under which they are recorded.