

Pension Application for William Davis

S.23188

Ulster Common Pleas of September Term 1833

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the ninth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, at a court of Common Pleas holden at the court house in the Village of Kingston in and for said county now sitting Catharine Davis widow of William Davis deceased a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged 76 years who being first sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That her late husband the said William Davis deceased entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1? [There is a question mark in the original document.] And the said Catharine Davis says that she has been informed by her late husband, the said William Davis in his lifetime, and verily believes it to be true that he was born in the town of Rochester in the County and State aforesaid in the year 1761.

2d? That the record of his age is contained in the books of the Dutch Church of Rochester.

3d? That at the time he was called into service he lived in the town of Kingston, now Saugerties in Ulster County that since the Revolutionary War he lived for about three years in Dutchess County and the residue of his life time resided in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

4th? That he was enlisted, drafted and volunteered into the said service.

And the said Catharine Davis widow of the said William Davis deceased declares that she has been informed by her late husband the said William Davis deceased in his life time and verily believes it to be true, that he the said William Davis served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain John L. Dewitt in Colonel Johannis Hardenbergh's Regiment of New York Levys at Long Island, Kingsbridge & White Plains in the year 1776 for the term of Five Months. That this service commenced in the month of July and ended in the month of December of said year, that the said William Davis was verbally discharged at the expiration of his term of service at Haverstraw in the county of Rockland where the whole company were discharged. That her late husband the said William Davis, dec'd has left no documentary evidence nor does she know that he ever had any of this [?] but for proof would respectfully refer to the affidavits of Jacob Brink and Peter C. Brink two living witnesses who belonged to the same company with her late husband, hereunto annexed.

And the said Catharine Davis further declares that she has also been informed by her said late husband and verily believes it to be true, that her late husband the said William Davis dec'd served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier in the militia company commanded by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker in Colonel Johannis Snyders Regiment of infantry at Fort Montgomery and Saratoga for the term of 5 months in the year 1777. That she always understood that he was drafted into these services, and that he has left no documentary evidence thereof to her knowledge and that for proof of this these services she would respectfully refer to the affidavits of

William Smith and Martin Post two living Witnesses both belonging to the same company with her late husband William Davis dec'd hereunto appended.

And the said Catharine Davis further declares that she has been informed by her late husband in his life time, and verily believes it to be true.

That he late husband the said William Davis deceased, served in the Revolutionary War as a volunteer in the capacity of a private soldier on the Northwestern frontiers of Ulster County in the frontier guards for the term of nine months in the year 1778 in detachments stationed at the picket fort around the house of one VanEtten at a place called Waghkunk [Shawangunk?] in the town of Kingston under the command of Lieutenants VanDeusen, Post and Tarpenning in Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment. That she has no documentary evidence of this service and that for proof of the same she would respectfully refer to the affidavits of Martin Post and William Smith two living witnesses belonging to the same service, hereunto annexed.

And the said Catharine Davis further declares that she has been informed by her late husband in his life time and verily believes it to be true that her late husband the said William Davis deceased, served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier and was enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Hunter in Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment for the term of nine months in the year 1779. That she has no documentary evidence in her possession of the last mentioned service and for a more particular description thereof would respectfully refer to the affidavits of John J. Krom and Solomon Schutt two living witnesses both belonging to the same company and Regiment with him & hereto appended.

And the said Catharine Davis further declares that the said William Davis her late husband died in the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York on the twenty ninth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and that she was his lawful wife at that time.

And the said Catharine Davis further says that for proof of her late husband the said William Davis's character for truth and veracity and the belief in the neighbourhood of his Revolutionary Services, would beg to refer to John Middagh and James Keator to whom he was known in his life time.

And she the said Catharine Davis widow and [?] of the said William Davis deceased hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that she has been informed by her late husband the said William Davis Deceased that his name was not on the pension roll of the agency of any state which she verily believes to be true. (Signed with her mark) Catharine Davis

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid. A.D. Coper First Judge. Wills Lake, Samuel Stilwell, Henry Wynkoop, Judges.