

## **Pension Application for William Davis**

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
County of West Chester SS.

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of West Chester now sitting William Davis a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of West Chester aforesaid aged sixty 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he enlisted in the army of the United States on or about the first of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty for the term of one year in the quartermasters department under the command of Colonel Hews of the line of the State of New York (the declarant saith that he does not now recollect the name of his captain). That he was stationed at Verplanks point in the said County of West Chester and served under the command of said Hews in the Quartermasters department and at the expiration of said term of one year which was on or about the first of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, was honorably discharged at said Verplanks point.

And the declarant further states that on or about the first of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he again enlisted for the term of one year in the army of the United States in the quarter masters department under the command of Colonel Hews of the line of the State of New York. (The declarant saith that he does not now recollect the name of his captain) That he was stationed at Verplanks point in the said County of West Chester for the term of nine months from his said last mentioned enlistment and served in the quartermasters department under the command of said Hews and at the expiration of said nine months to wit on or about the first of January in the year 1782 he was honorably discharged at said Verplanks Point from said service, in consequence (as he was then informed) of peace peace (sic) having taken place, and that it was no longer necessary to keep up the entire military establishment at said Verplanks point.

1<sup>st</sup> And the declarant further states that he was born in the said County of West Chester on the fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty five at Philips Manor now town of Mount Pleasant.

2<sup>nd</sup> That he has no record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> That he lived in the manor of Philips now town of Mount Pleasant in the said County at the time he entered the service as aforesaid. That he has always resided in said town with the exception of about 20 years during which he resided in the County of Green in the State of New York and that he now resides in the said town of Mount Pleasant and has for the last 14 years years. [sic]

4<sup>th</sup> That he entered the service has herein before set forth and served as a private.

5<sup>th</sup> That the only regular officers whose names he now recollects who were with the troops where he served were Captain summer and Lieutenant Nestles, that the general circumstances of his services are as herein before stated.

6<sup>th</sup> That he does not now recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are Robert Brown and John Cypher residents of the said town of Mount Pleasant.

He hereby relinquishes [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) William Davis

Sworn to and subscribed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1832 before me in open court. N. Bayles Clk of said court.