

Pension Application for Moses Day

W.782 (Widow: Joanna)

New Jersey

Morris County SS.

Personally came before me Lewis Condict one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Morris, Moses Day, who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that he served as a private soldier against the Common Enemy, in the Revolutionary War; on the Continental Establishment.

That he entitled sometime in the Spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one at the City of Philadelphia in Captain Zebulon M. Pike's troop of Horse in Col. Milans Regiment of Light Dragoons at the Pennsylvania line; that he belonged to the said Troops under the said Capt Pike for about two weeks, that he was then transferred to Captain James (or John) Heard's troop of the same Regiment and that he continued in the said Regiment until the conclusion of the war; and was honorably discharged by a regular discharge[d] at Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania, that the said discharge was burnt with his dwelling house about sixteen years ago at Hanover in the State of New Jersey.

This deponent further saith that he resides in the township of Chatham in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey; that living so far distant from the place of his enlistment to wit, about one hundred miles and no person residing nearer him than that place who is knowing to his being in the revolutionary war as above stated by him, he is unable to produce any testimony corroborative of his own.

This deponent further saith that he has never heretofore received any pension from the United States; that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support; and prays to have his name placed on the pension list under the act of Congress passed the 18 March 1818. (Signed) Moses Day

Sworn & subscribed before me the 6th day of April AD 1818. Lewis Condict

Letter in folder dated April 6, 1922, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are advised that from the papers in the claim, W. File 782, it appears that Moses Day was born July 10, 1762, place not stated, and enlisted at Philadelphia, Penn., in the Spring of 1781, and served as a private in Captains Zebulon M. Pike and John Heard's Companies of Colonel Moylan's regiment of Continental Light Dragoons until the end of the Revolution. He was allowed pension on his application executed April 6, 1818, while living in Chatham Township, Morris County, N.J. and his certificate was issued September 26, 1818. He died September 12, 1822.

He married in Essex County, N.J. January 12, 1785, Joanna, born October 20, 1767, the daughter of John Bonnel, and she was allowed pension on her application executed October 13, 1838, while living in Chatham Township, Morris County, N.J.

They had seven sons and three daughters, namely:

Eliza born May 9, 1787.

Charles born August 8, 1789.

Matthias born June 3, 1791.
James H. born December 10, 1793.
Sylvanus B. born June 4, 1796.
William born October 15, 1798.
Nancy born August 29, 1800.
Benjamin F. born August 1, 1803.
Jenette born April 4, 1808.
Eemules H. born November 29, 1808.
Thadeus died August 27, 1812.
Charles Day died September 19, 1816.