

Pension Application for William W. Dean

S.12760

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 18th day of September A.D. 1882 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and state of New-York, now setting William W. Dean a resident of Genoa in the County of Cayuga and State of New-York, aged seventy 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 about the month of May AD 1778 he entered the service of the United States as a drummer in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Ebenezer Boyd in Colonel Samuel Drakes Regiment, and continued to serve in said company as such drummer for a term of about three years, when he commenced serving in said company as a soldier and carried a gun and continued so to serve until the close of the war, that when he entered said service he resided in the town of Cortland in the County of Westchester, and that his services were in and about said county during the whole of said term, that his duty whilst in active service was guarding the lines, and being engaged in scouting parties, & when not so engaged the general place of encampment and rendezvous during most of said term was at Crompond in said County of Westchester, that whilst not engaged in active service he continued under arms during the whole of said term—that whilst in said service he knew the following named officers, to wit, Col. Shepherd. Col. Cortland, Col. Sheldon, of the horse, Captain Bull, Gen. McDougle & others—that during the summer of all of 1779 he was sick and absent from service about three or four months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) William W. Dean.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court the 18th day of September AD 1832. M.S. Myers

Letter in folder dated November 29, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of William Deane who served from Westchester County, New York, also, of his son, Ephraim Deane who served in the same place six years.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of an Ephraim Deane under any spelling, of a northern state. The record has been found of a William W. Dean who served as described by you and it is given below as shown in the papers on file in pension claim, S.12760, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William W. Dean was the son of William Dean. The date and place of his birth and name of his mother are not given.

While residing in Cortland manor which was later Peekskill, in Westchester County, New York, William W. Dean enlisted sometime in May, 1778, and served at various times until the close of the war, amounting in all to twenty months and one week, as drummer, private and patrol in captain Ebenezer Boyd's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York regiment, engaged in guarding the lines and on reconnoitering and scouting parties.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed September 18, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy years and a resident of Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, where he continued to live until his death, March 30, 1845.

William A. Dean's wife, whose name was not stated, did not survive him, but he left the following named children, both of whom were living in 1851: Sally O. Underhill and James Dean. The name of Sally's husband was not stated. In 1847, one Sally Underhill was living in Genoa, New York, but it was not shown whether or not she was the soldier's daughter above named.