

Pension Application for Daniel De Lavan

S.43483

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list, under the act of the eighteenth of March 1818

County of Westchester SS.

On the fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six, personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record for the county aforesaid, Daniel Delavan aged sixty nine years resident of the aforesaid City and County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th march 1818, and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Daniel Delavan was appointed a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty and that in the month of July of that year, he the deponent entered into the service, and was attached to the regiment under the command of Colonel Malcom in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment. That he continued in the said regiment for a short time when he this deponent was appointed a captain in the said regiment and the deponent further saith that he was transferred to the regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortlandt some time during the month of July in the year last aforesaid which said regiment was in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment and was attached to the division under the command of the Marquis DeLafayette; that he this deponent continued in the service for one year when he left the army in consequence of ill health, he this deponent having lost the use of his limbs (in some measure); produced by sickness.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of New York; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. Because he this deponent has had too much pride to call upon his country for a pension, the very term pensioner being hateful to him from the circumstance of his being generally understood to mean the pay given to a state hireling.

And the deponent declares the truth to be that he should not have made this application at this time were it not that he is compelled to do so having no other means of support. And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) Daniel DeLavan

Sworn to and declared on the 4th day of December before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Westchester. Nehemiah Bates, Clerk of the County of Westchester.

Letter in folder dated May 6, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.43483, that Daniel DeLavan entered the service in 1775, under the Committee of Safety, of New York; in 1776, he was appointed Lieutenant in Captain John Drake's Company, Colonel Morris Graham's New York Regiment; in July 1780, was commissioned Captain of Colonel Malcom's New York Regiment and in the same months was transferred to Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York Regiment of Infantry attached to General Lafayette's Division of Light Infantry; served to the close of the war, at which time he was Captain of Colonel Philip VanCortland's Second Regiment of Infantry of the New York Line.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 4, 1826, at which time he was aged sixty-nine years and resided in Westchester County, New York.

His daughters are referred to in 1827, their names and the name of their mother not given. In 1826, soldier was residing in New York City.

It was stated "that he and his family of brothers were noted for their uniform and steady attachment to the Revolutionary cause."