

Pension Application for John Delavan

W.15764 (Widow: Martha) John died January 8, 1834. Martha died March 10, 1843.
State of New York
Putnam County SS.

On this 16th day of May (1853) eighteen hundred and fifty three, personally appeared in open court before the Hon. John w. Brown, Judge of the Circuit Court held at Carmel in the said Putnam County and State of New York, Martha Delavan a resident of the town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged ninety five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress July 7th 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of John Delavan who as a private in the Revolutionary War under Captain Samuel Delavan in Col. Gilbert Drake's Regt in the month of September 1777 for a term of about two weeks also in same month and following month of October 1777, he served two weeks or thereabouts more under Captain Nathaniel Delavan in col. Gilbert Drakes' Regt, also in the year 1781 he served from the first January to first of December 1781, in all eight or nine months under Captain Ephraim Lockwood in in [sic] Col. Thaddeus Crane's Regt also a Major as this declarant is informed and very [sic] believes to be true.—

This declarant further states that the said Martha Delavan was married to the said John Delavan October 6th 1785 at the town of Ridgefield in Fairfield County and State of Connecticut as appears by the town records and that her name before such marriage was Martha Huler then a resident of the s'd town of Ridgefield in Fairfield county and State of Connecticut and that her husband the aforesaid John Delavan died the 8th day of January 1834 at North Salem in Westchester County and State of New York and that the said Martha Delavan remained a widow until March 10th 1843, when she died at the town of Fishkill in Dutchess county and State of New York and left four living children viz Chancey Delavan the declarant in this case also Jane Delavan, Catherine Delavan and Betsey now the wife of Abraham Brinkerhoof being her children and the only children now living as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto anaxed [annexed].

That the said Martha Delavan was not married to the said John Delavan prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated, and also claim under that act of 7 June 1832, from March 4th 1831 to January 8th 1834, being the day that the said John Delavan died. (Signed) Chauncey Delavan

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written. Ira Mead,
Clerk of Putnam Co. Court. John W. Brown, Justice of the Supreme Court.

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, W.15764, that John Delavan, the son of Timothy, was born February

11, 1744, place not given. It was stated that he had nine brothers, namely, Timothy, Junior; Abraham; Matthew; Nathaniel; Samuel; Nathan; Daniel; Stephen; and Cornelius, all of them except Cornelius, who was too young to serve, were in the Revolution, and that all of the ten sons of Timothy Delavan rode in the procession at the evacuation of New York City. There are no claim for pension on file on account of the services of Timothy, Abraham, Matthew, Samuel Nathan, Stephen, and Cornelius Delavan.

While residing in North Salem, Westchester County, New York, John Delavan enlisted in September, 1777, served two weeks as a private in Captain Samuel Delavan's Company, Colonel Gilbert Drake's New York regiment, and again in the same fall, exact date not given, enlisted and served two weeks in Captain Nathaniel Delavan's Company, Colonel Gilbert Drake's New York Regiment. No relationship of Captains Samuel and Nathaniel Delavan to soldier shown.

He enlisted about April 1, 1781, served in Captain Ephraim Lockwood's Company, Colonel Thaddeus Crane's New York Regiment and was discharged in November 1781.

The soldier married October 6, 1785, at Ridgefield, Fairfield County, Connecticut, Martha Keeler, who was born August 28, 1757. She was then of Ridgefield, Connecticut and their marriage was recorded on the town records of said Ridgefield.

He died January 8, 1834, at North Salem, New York, and she died March 10, 1843, at Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, to which place she had moved about two years after the death of her husband. Both were buried in the graveyard at North Salem, New York.

The widow left surviving her four children: Chauncey, Jane and Catharine Delavan, and Betsey, the wife of Abraham Brinkerhoff. It was also stated that they had a son, John; there are no particulars in regard to him.

On April 25, 1849, Chauncey Delavan made application on behalf of himself and his surviving brothers and sisters, above named, for the pension that was due their mother. The claim was allowed.