

Pension Application for Daniel Delong

S.10556

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the year of our Lord, 1832, personally appeared before Hezekiah Reed Esq.—one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Chenango aforesaid at Pitcher—in said County, Daniel Delong, a resident of the town of German in said County, aged seventy one 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—

That he was born at Fishkill, in the state of New York in the year, 1761—that he has no record of his age or birth—That he is unable personally to attend court to make this declaration, by reason of bodily infirmity.

That he voluntarily enlisted, at Stillwater, his home then being with his father at Half Moon now Waterford, about the middle of winter, as he believes and as near as he can recollect, in the year, 1776, for nine months or one year and he forgets which, he served nine months, under said enlistment, in the company of Capt. Joseph Wright—Lieut, Hold Durham—

He went with his said company, early in the spring and joined the regiment of Lieut. Col. Peter Gansevoort, at Fort George recollects Capt Fink & Capt M'Crackan, were officers, of other companies, of said Regiment—His business here, at fort George was common duty, and to boat provisions down the lake to Ticonderoga Landing—While here he & 8 others, volunteered on a scouting party to find Indians—It was a [?] command. He continued here till late in the fall of the same year, perhaps, it was till December thinks ti was, recollects to the snow was quite deep, and the regiment, and he with it, then marched to Saratoga, and he was there discharged—He thinks he received a written one, but form whom he forgets, and it is lost—There was no other regiment at fort George in company with his—but other companies came and went away, several times, he thinks, during the season—Under the foregoing enlistment he served nine months and he thinks some over, but how much he cannot say.—

In the month of August or September 1777, he again volunteered and entered the company of Capt. Elias Stunbear—Lieut. Or Ensign, Charles Hoffman—joined said company at Half Moon (now Waterford) and marched to, or near Stillwater, and there joined a regiment—He cannot recollect the name of the field officers of the regiment—Not long after getting there he and the regiment he was in, and other troops were engaged in the battle of Snakehill, as it was called, at Pike creek; this battle was between the militia and the main of Gen. Burgoyne's army.—Our regiment came up to the engagement some before noon, this had been engaged at an earlier hour and we fought till night—In the course of the day I saw Gen. Schuyler, with his aid, as it was

said, ride up toward the enemy, and I saw an Indian rise from a [?] tree, and he shot said aid; upon which Gen. Schuyler turned his horse & rode back, and I saw no more of him, that day.

The battle began in the morning with other troops who were nearer the enemy than our regiment; and they retreating down upon us, we engaged as aforesaid—We were in retreat, and fighting till night—when we marched to Saratoga, from Saratoga he marched in retreat with his regiment & others to Halfmoon, and was there dismissed—He thinks he was in said service this tour two or three months—He received no written discharge this time—it was by parole.

That he was afterwards, a volunteer, under the command of Lieut. Vandercarr, with several others, he thinks, about 100 now, under said officers—They went from Halfmoon to Old Schoharrie, guarding the frontiers against the Indians—This tour was for four months, which he served out in said company, and was then, dismissed & went home—The whole company was made up of parts of several different companies—He went in the spring as soon as the ground was bare & returned about the last of July—He cannot tell the year—he served—but he knows he was there and did the service—He received no written discharge as he remembers or believes, except at the end of his first tour—

That he has no documentary proof of his services—that he does not now know any person he can procure to testify to the same—who was personally with him or knowing to them.---

That after the revolutionary war, he lived a short time with his father's family, and about, at Halfmoon—then went to Poughkeepsie and lived perhaps three years—then returned to Halfmoon and resided again 5 or 6 years—then to Fort Plain and lived there not for 12 years—then removed to Oxford in Chenango County aforesaid, and has ever since lived most of the time said county—that he has lived in German where he now resides 12 years, and as much as 18 or 20 years in said county—

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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) David Delong
The head Judge Chenango Common Pleas Ebenezar Wately, Timothy Stanley