

Pension Application for William Deusenbury

W.10554
State of New York
Cayuga County SS

On this twentieth day of July AD 1832 before me the subscriber personally appears William Deusenbury who being 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 on or about the month of March in the year 1829 he made application for a pension under the act of Congress passed May 15th 1828 as having been a soldier in the QuarterMasters Department from about the Month of May AD 1776 until about eighteen months before the close of the Revolutionary War when he was taken from said department and continued to act as a guide to the American Army until the close of the War when he was discharged at West Point in the State of New York.

That his said application was rejected as he believes upon the ground that those who served in the Quartermasters department were not entitled to the Benefits of the act of Congress passed May 15th 1828—that his said application and proof of his services are now on the files of the Treasury Department at Washington as he is informed and believes.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list of any state or territory. (Signed)
William Deusenbury

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. J. L. Richardson, first Judge of Cayuga.

Letter in folder dated March 2, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Revolutionary War soldiers, George, Henry, Thomas and William Duesenbury.

The Revolutionary War records of this office fail to afford any information relative to any soldiers named George, Henry and Thomas Dusenbury, searched under all spellings.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.10554, based on the military service of William Deusenbergy, Deusenbury or Dusenberry, the only soldier of that name who served with New York troops that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth of this soldier and the names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted in the Continental Army in May 1776, place not stated, and served three years as private and wagoner in the Quartermaster Department and was under Major John Campbell. In about two weeks after his return home, he again enlisted in the continental Army and served until the close of the Revolution; about eighteen months before the expiration of this service he was transferred to serve as guide and was discharged at the close of the Revolution at West Point by Captain Fleming.

In 1829, William Deusenbery, Deusenbery, or Dusenberry was living in Sterling, Cayuga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 20, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Cayuga County, New York, age not stated.

In 1829, one John Dusenberry stated he knew that this soldier did enlist in the Continental Army during the Revolution but did not state he was related to the soldier. There are no further data relative to family.

William Deusenbery, Deusenbury, or Dusenberry was living in Cayuga County, New York, in 1850.

He died June 18, 1854.