

Pension Application for John Deveraux

S.15402

Revolutionary Claims

State of Vermont

Chittenden County SS.

On this seventeenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the honorable county Court for the county of Chittenden, now sitting John Deveraux a resident of Richmond in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont, aged seventy six 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

I lived in Richmond Massachusetts when I enlisted as a volunteer in the fore part of October 1775 in the company commanded by Moses Ashley and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Patterson for one year and marched to Boston Massachusetts remained there I cannot say how long but until the British left Boston and Bunker Hill thence we marched to the City of New York and remained there about three weeks then we had orders to got to Quebec in Canada and went by water up the North /river and part of the way by land until we arrived at Montreal thence there were orders for one hundred men to go with provisions and ammuniton up the St. Lawrence river to a Fort called the Cedars and I turned out for one of the 100, and on our way to the Fort we were ambushed and surrounded by Tories and Indians supposed to be more than three to one of us, was killed some and took the rest of us prisoners and took us to the Fort at the Cedars and when we arrived there we found the British and Indians had taken the Fort the day before and we were stripped of a great part of our clothing and fared very hard for provision, and I with the rest of the prisoners were detained there about a week with what was taken at the Fort the day before and then I with the rest of them were released on condition that as many prisoners should be given up to them and leave Canada and not take up arms for three months and our captains were kept as hostages for the fulfillment and these Captains were kept during the war as I learnt afterwards because the number of prisoners were not released to them.

This was some time in June 1776 and would be not be many days from eleven month when the time did expire when I was not to take up arms. In the month of August 1777 Brown Chamberlin was drafted form New [?] in the State of New York for three months and I entered as a substitute for him in the company commanded by Captain Fitch and the Regiment was commanded by Henry Livingston and I was appointed a sergeant in a few days after I entered and got a Warrant the latter part of the time I served and marched to a place called Harley [Hurley?] on the North River and was dismissed sometime in November after three months service Brown Chamberlin has been dead about 40 years and I know of no person living who can testify as to my service.

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. (Signed) John Deveraux

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid, before Nathan [Bruvnell?]
Clerk