

## **Pension Application for John Devoe**

S.23190

State of New York

Onondaga County SS

On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July AD 1833 appeared before the Honorable John Watson Esquire first Judge of the County of Onondaga John Devoe a resident of the town of Manlius in said County at the Dwelling house of the said John Devoe, who being first duly sworn and according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That according to the best of his recollection he is eighty six or seven years old.

That at the commencement of the Revolution, he resided at the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany and State of New York. That when he entered the service of the United States he resided at the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany and State of New York that when he entered the service of the United States he resided in the said Town of Bethlehem and that since the revolution he has resided in Guilderland in said County of Albany and in the Town of Manlius in said County of Onondaga and for the last five years he has resided in said Town of Manlius.

That he thinks he entered said service about the year seventeen hundred and twenty six, but he has no distinct recollection except that it was soon after the commencement of the war, and served as herein stated, under the following named officers. He began as a regular soldier and thinks he was then about twenty three years old. He entered at the Town of Bethlehem in said County of Albany for nine months under Col. Peter Gansevoort, Capt Cornelius VanDyke and Lieutenant Cornelius VanSluyck that he served out the full term of his enlistment of nine months, that under the command of the aforesaid enlistment of nine months. That under the command of the aforesaid officers he went to the City of Albany and from thence to Lake George & Fort Edward and from thence to Ticonderoga and from to [sic] Crown Point & St. Johns and at the expiration of said nine months, he was stationed at a Stone Fort at Chamblee in Canada of which the Americans had disposed the enemy taken possession of, and at Chamblee he again enlisted for three months and from Chamblee he went to Quebec and a short time and was at the taking of St. Johns that he served out said three months under Capt. Benedict whose Christian name he does not recollect and who is the only officer whose name he now recollects. That the only names of person who are with as privates during the first nine months on George Hoople and William James and during the three months enlistment said William James was with him and was wounded at the taking of St. Johns.

And that after he had served one year as before stated he again entered in the Batteau service for five or six months under Captain John [Hun?] and served as a private therein between five or six months between Stillwater and fort Edward and the only persons whom he recollects being with him in such service was Garit Seger, Frederick Seger, and Adam Segar and after said last mentioned service he was drafted several time and continued to serve a great portion of the time until the close of the war but he cannot state the times or circumstances and he believes he served in all

during the Revolutionary War four or five years and that all the said services been performed as a private soldier on his individual account.

That he was born at Rhyneck in the County of Dutchess in said State and he further declares that he does not know of any clergy in the neighbourhood of his residence or else where who can certify as to his belief of his services as a Revolutionary soldier. That he does not recollect whether he ever had any discharge or not and that he does not know of any living witness by whom he can prove any part of said services by that he is old and decrepid and that it is with much difficulty that he can hear or see and that from his age and decrepitude he is unable to attend at the Court house of Onondaga County without serious injury to his health that he has not got any record of his age, and he does not know at which time or place he was finally dismissed from the said service, and that he has stated in the foregoing declaration all that he recollects or can state in relation to his services as a soldier.

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 any state. (Signed with his mark) John Devoe

Sworn & Subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833 before me. John Watson First Judge of Onondaga County.