

Pension Application of Samuel Dewey

S.9327

To the Congress of the United States.

The petition of Samuel Duey of the town of arcadia in the County of Wayne, and State of New York, respectfully showeth:--

That he applied in the year 1832, for a pension to the Commissioner of Pensions: That your petitioner acted as teamster the week before and at, the Battle of Bennington, in the Revolutionary Army for Colonel Herricks' regiment of Vermont Troops; and carried as such teamster, three loads of the wounded from said Battle and then moved back to Pawlet in Vermont with the American Troops, and remained there two or three months till they were dismissed:

That in April 1780, your petitioner, at Kingsbury, Washington County, Enlisted; and in July 1780 went to Fort Ann, in Colonel DuBois Regiment, Captain Adiel Sherwood's Company, Lieutenant Bradshaw, and remained there till the 15th October 1780, or thereabouts, when he was taken, with Capt. Sherwood's Company, by Major Carlton of the British Army, with a large body of British soldiers and Tories, accompanied by a large body of Indians under the command of Major Sir John Johnson, and was carried prisoner from there to Canada, by way of Fort George:

That he was in sight of the battle of Fort George, which happened the next day after he was taken prisoner: that he was carried to St. Johns in Canada, and from there to Caughnawaga 12 miles above Montreal on the St. Lawrence by Major Johnson aforesaid and remained there a prisoner with him for two years, and then was sent to Quebec, and remained there in close jail a prisoner of war until the 3^d day of November 1783, or thereabouts, the close of the Revolutionary War, when he was set at liberty, 340 miles from home: when a pass was given him and he returned to his home in Washington County:--

That Major Andre or Andrew Skeen was provost master during the whole of his confinement, and gave him said pass, which pass was destroyed in the burning of your petitioner's house and contents in Eaton, Madison County, in the year 1807:

That since your petitioners application to the Pension Office in 1832, he has been endeavoring to procure a pension; but has been unable to do so, because he has been unable to show to the satisfaction of the commissioner, his imprisonment in Canada, and only three months time of his enlistment show upon the records:

That the rest of his company were imprisoned at Quebec about 20 months, while your petitioner was taken by Major Johnson among the Indians: and that the reason why his name does not appear with Captain Adiel Sherwood's Company after the 15th day of October, the day he was taken prisoner with the rest of his company, and was not discharged with them, and was probably supposed to be dead:--

That your petitioner is poor, and unable to support himself: that he is 85 years of age, in March last: that he resides with his son in law George Lumbart, at Newark Village, Wayne County, State of New York, and has resided with him between one and two years; that his said son-in-law is also poor, and dependent upon his labor for his daily support: that your petitioner's wife is 76 years old, and was so the 26th day of

March last that she is sick, and has been for a year or more, and your petitioner is now obliged to subsist partly upon charity: Your petitioner therefor prays upon your Honorable body, that you would be pleased to grant him a pension from the time of his first application in 1832; or for such further time as to your honorable body would seem proper; and thus lighten the burden of his declining years and cheer his descending footsteps to the grave—and your petitioner would refer, in connection with this, to his papers on file in this matter at the Pension office:

And your petitioner will ever pray be:

Dated Arcadia, Wayne County, New York November 12, 1849. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Dewey

In the presence of Clark Masons. State of New York, Wayne County, SS.