

Pension Application for George Dill

S.21736

Continental (German)

At a Court of Common Pleas held at Elmira NY for the County of Tioga in the State of New York, on the 3d day of September 1833, the same being a Court of Record having attest and said:

Present:

Hon. John R. Drake, first Judge

Darius Bentley

George Fisher

Elijah Shoemaker

Joseph L. Darling, Esq. Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On this 3d day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges above named George Dill aged Seventy five years and upwards, assistant of Jackson Township Tioga County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of July 1782 at Kingsbridge in the State of New York in a company of Cavalry (raised from the Germans who had deserted from the British army) commanded by Capt Van Hare and Lieut Van Hagen, who were Pennsylvanians, and acquainted with the German language – for the term of eight months.

That he continued in Service at Kingsbridge & the neighborhood engaged in scouting, riding as express & such services as the Cavalry was required at the time to perform for sometime, when the company was ordered to Elisabeth Town in New Jersey where & in the neighborhood they continued in similar services until they were ordered to go into winter quarters at Goshen in the State of New York where they continued until his term expired in March following when he was discharged at Goshen aforesaid.

Genl Washington then lay at Newburgh with the army.

That the company to which he belonged was not attached to any particular Regiment to his knowledge—if it was he was not acquainted with the fact from his entire ignorance of the English language.

In answer to the interrogatories, directed by the War Department to be propounded to pension applicants, he states.

1st That he was born in the Hesse Cassel in Germany in the the [sic] year 1758 as near as he can ascertain. The time of the year he cannot state. The manner in which he arrives at his age is that he came to American with the Hessian Troops in 1776 when he was Seventeen years of age.

2. He has no record of his age, but has been told by his parents that it was kept in the records of the Church in the town where he was born.

3. That he was pressed in Hesse Cassel & came to American in 1776, attached to accompany of Grenadiers under Camp March or Martz in the Regiment under Co. County Donop who was killed at Red Bank, remained with the Hessian Troops until the month of June 1782 when he deserted from them and enlisted as above stated at Kingsbridge.

That after his discharge from the army he went to Montgomery in Orange County N.Y. where he continued about 4 years. That he continued to reside different places in the county of orange until about 15 years since when he removed to Catharine in the County of Tioga where he remained until about 7 years since when he went to reside with his son in the Township of Jackson where he yet resides.

4. He enlisted as above stated.

5. From his ignorance of the English language at the time he cannot give the names of any other officers than those under whose immediate command he served.

6. That he received a written discharge but has lost it.

7. The persons to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, are Joseph L. Darling Esq., one of the Judges of this Court, Josiah Merritt Esq., one of the attorneys of the same court, and Lucas Terwiliger & John L. Terwiliger of the town of Elmira in said County of Tioga.

He applies at this Court as the persons to whom he is best known resides in the neighborhood, and having lived many years in Orange County from whence most of the early settlers of Tioga County immigrated [immigrated] at the Township in which he now resides having been recently settled.

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 agency in any State. (Signed) George Dill

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 3d day of Sept. 1833 before me. G. M. Tuthill, Clk