

Pension Application for Jasper Drake

S.12801

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 18th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Cayuga in said State now sitting Jasper Drake aged 70 years a resident of the town of Genoa in said 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service and served under the following named officers as herein stated.

That in the month of September AD 1778, then being a resident of the town of Cortland in the County of Westchester in the State of New York, he entered the service in the company of militia commanded by Captain Ebenezer Boyd, Lieut David Ferris, & Ensign, Major otherwise called Elijah Drake in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Drake and continued to serve in said company until the month of June 1779 when he was taken prisoner at Crompond in said County of Westchester by the British and taken to New York City where he was detained a prisoner of war until the month of July following when he was exchanged, and returned home, and immediately entered said service in the same company and continued to serve in the same company and continued to serve therein until the close of the war.

That the head quarters of said Regiment was at Crompond, from which places parties were sent out to Scout and keep guard upon the lines.

That the said Col. Samuel Drake was his father and kept him constantly employed, whilst not on guard and in scouting parties in riding express, and carrying orders—that he never received a written discharge from said service and has no documentary proof thereof that whilst in said service he saw & knew Gen. Washington, Gen. Punam [Putnam], Genl La Fayette, Gen. Knox, Baron Steuben, Gen. McDougal, & others.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed) Jasper Drake

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Elijah Drake, Peleg Gallup.

Letter in folder dated April 20, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12801, it appears that Jasper Drake, while a resident of Cortland, Westchester County, New York, enlisted in September 1778 and served as a private in Captain Ebenezer Boyd's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's (soldier's father) New York Regiment, he was taken prisoner at Crumpond, New York in June 1779, and carried to New York City and held until exchanged in July, when he returned home and immediately entered the service of the same company, and served as scout, land express rider, until the close of war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 18, 1832, while a resident of Genoa, Cayuga County, New York, aged seventy years.

It is not stated that soldier was married.

The above noted Jasper Drake is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.