

### **Pension Application for Jeremiah Drake**

W.19196 (Widow: Phebe)

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this [blank] day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & (being a court of record), in and for the County of Sullivan in said State, now sitting, Jeremiah Drake a resident of the town of Neversink in said County and State, aged sixty nine years last May, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an 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, that is to say.—

In the spring of the year 1778 he resided at Peekskill (then called the Manor of Cortlandt) in the County of Westchester & state aforesaid and then & there in the month of April as near as he can recollect entered the service of the United States as a soldier in a company commanded by Captain Ebenezer Boyd, Lieut. Davie Ferris & Sergeant James Sherk in a regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Drake. Lieut Col. John Hyat & Israel Pennier as Major or Adjutant—and continued to service in said company & regiment during & until the end of the war as herein after described.

He served during all this time in the said County of Westchester on & near the lines between the British & American forces—

That he well recollects that the day before Major Andre was captured early in the evening and as he can recollect about the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 1780 being in seed time, he, the applicant being on guard at Andrew Miller's tavern, about half way between Peekskill and Crum Pond, discovered two men ride up on horse back who were hailed & stopped by him one of whom was afterwards ascertained to be said Major Andre, that on being thus stopped one of them addressing the applicant said "Boy why don't you hail the guard."

Which he did immediately when they dismounted & went into the house, where he was informed they shewed a pass from Genl Arnold, but were prevented from proceeding farther that night by one Robert Crawford and old officer of the French War as applicant was at that day informed he being on guard did not on that occasion go into the house. That he the next day said Andrew was taken about sixteen miles below at Tarrytown under a white wood tree as applicant was informed a day or two afterwards.

That he was much of the time of his service employed in crossing the lines aforesaid & taking from the British & their friends cattle, hogs & hay & other foraging articles, great quantities of which he assisted in taking—and served much of said time in the Vicinity of Croton river—That one VanRenssalaer he things was at the time General of the Militia but Is not certain – That his services were rendered by order & command of his superior officers & he was then informed & believed under a law of the state putting said crops upon the same terms with Continental troops to the truth of which he cannot with certainty attest—or declare—That the first year he was fifteen

years of age & did duty & served as aforesaid as a substitute for his father Jeremiah Drake but after that being sixteen years old & liable to military duty he served for himself.

That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except one Isaac Brown of Rochester whose affidavit applicant has procured as to a part of his services.—

That he was born at Peekskill in Westchester County aforesaid in the year 1763 according to the best of his knowledge & information.

That he has no record of his age.

That since the Revolutionary war he resided till the year 1793 principally in Westchester County & since that time he has resided in said town of Neversink where he now resides.

That he never received any discharge except a certificate given by the Paymaster Garret G. Beakman son in law of Governor Cortland & which has long since been lost or destroyed —

That he is known to Anthony Hasbrook & Hopkin Reynolds of Sullivan County who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—

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) Jeremiah Drake

Sworn & Subscribed before me in open court the day & year aforesaid. Jesse M Foster Clerk of Sullivan Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated June 9, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 19196, it appears that Jeremiah Drake (son of Jeremiah Drake) was born in May 1763 at the Manor of Cortlandt, (afterwards called Peekskill) Westchester County, New York.

He resided, with his father at the Manor of Cortlandt, and served as his substitute in Captain Ebenezer Boyd's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York Regiment, for two days each week, from the middle of April 1777, until the first of December; and that he enlisted every April and continued to perform his own and his father's services every year (until the end of the War) under Captain Ebenezer Boyd and Colonel Samuel Drake, as follows—in 1778, four months, in 1779, six and one half months; in 1780, eight months; in 1781, seven months; and in 1782, five months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 10, 1832, while a resident of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York. He died there June 23, 1845.

Soldier married December 25, 1788, Phebe Reynolds or Runolds. She was allowed pension on her application executed June 9, 1846, while a resident of Neversink, New York, aged seventy-five years.

There is no further family data on file.