

Pension Application for Samuel Drew

S.28716

State of New York

Steuben County SS

On this sixteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the County of Steuben aforesaid now sitting Samuel Drew a resident of the Town of Pulteney, County and State aforesaid aged seventy three years 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 of the United States as a private under the following named officers, and served as herein after started, to wit, that this deponent resided at the time he entered the service in the town of Frederickstown and County of Dutchess now County of Putnam and State of New York, that he together with his father Gilbert Drew now called out on an alarm together with the militia [sic] Company to which this deponent belonged on the [14th?] day of February 1777 under Captain Hesekeh Mead, Lieutenants John Robertson and Ensign David Higgins that this deponent and his company joined a militia Regiment commanded by Col. Henry Luttenton [sic] and marched from Frederickstown to attack the British at Fort Independence near Kingsbridge in the vicinity of the City of New York, that this deponent the day after he arrived in the neighbourhood of Kingsbridge was in a skirmish with the British at a place called Valentine's Hill at which the Americans had a redoubt in which engagement there was one man killed and several wounded that seven days afterward this deponent was in another engagement with the British at the same place the British coming out of Fort Washington, which had taken from the Americans the fall before in which last engagement there were several killed and wounded that the deponent was at the place last aforesaid six weeks in actual service when he was discharged.

That about March 1777 at Frederickstown aforesaid this deponent was drafted for four months and on the same day entered that service again as a militia man at the place aforesaid under Captain Servineus Lieutenant David Higgins and ensign Joseph Chandler that this deponent served out his aforesaid term of four months in the village of Frederickstown town and county last aforesaid where this deponent together with the company to which he belonged under the before mentioned officers were stationed to guard some military stores which had just been removed from Danbury in the state of Connecticut to which was called Morrison's Stores at the last mentioned village that this deponent was at the expiration of four months the then aforesaid duly discharged.

That this deponent that the 15 days of September 177 and the militia company to which he belonged were called out on an alarm to oppose the British in ascending the Hudson River, under Col. Henry Luttenton Captain Hezekiah Mead, Lieutenant John Robertson and Ensign David Porter, that this deponent marched with his company as such militia man to Hudson's river nearly opposite West Point on the East

side of the river where this deponent and his company was employed for the term of four weeks in erecting a fort on or near the banks of the River in carrying Stone and Guard and Picketing the fort with sharpened poles called [Fachines?] that at the expiration of three months from the time this deponent was called out as aforesaid, was duly discharged that this deponent has forgotten the name of the effort so erected.

That on or about the first of April 1778 the militia company to which this deponent belonged was classed and this deponent on the [?] day was called out, as a classed militia militia [sic] was at Frederickstown aforesaid and entered the service at a place called [Caro?] pond near Peekskill on the North River, under Captain John Crane Lieutenant Jabish Berry that this deponent's company was stationed at the last mentioned place as a [?] or under the last mentioned officers, to protect the lives as it was then called for the term of three months during which term of three months this deponent was under [?] at the expiration of which time this deponent was discharged.

That this deponent who latter part of July 1778 and was called out together with the militia company to which he belonged under Captain Hezekiah Mead, Lieutenant John Robertson and Ensign David Porter before named at Frederickstown aforesaid and marched from thence to a place called Gallows Hill near Peekskill, at Number 2 on the East Side of Hudson River where this deponent remained with his company six weeks watching the enemy when this deponent was discharged.

That about one week after this deponent has returned to his father in Frederickstown aforesaid, this deponent was stationed 1778 was again called out together with the militia company was again called out together with the militia company last mentioned and under the last mentioned officers and marched as aforesaid to Peekskill aforesaid where this deponent was stationed for six weeks at the expiration of last mentioned was honorably was duly discharged.

That in the month of July 1779 this deponent volunteered and entered a volunteer company of Rangers as a private at Frederickstown aforesaid under Captain Joshua Merrick and Lieutenant Merrick and Lieutenant James Townsend and marched to Fishkill in Dutchess County on the Hudson at which last mentioned place and its vicinity this deponent and the company to which to which he belonged remained for the term of three months in actual service, hunting for Tories and deserters and defending the last mentioned place from the depredations of the Tories at which last mentioned place this deponent at the expiration of his term of three months & [?] days of October 1779.

And this deponent farther says that he did not upon being discharged at either of the aforesaid times receive a written discharge at either [can't read a line which was squeezed in] of the aforesaid times receive a written discharge and that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to this service that he was born as he has been informed by his parents and believes on the 7th day of March 1759 in the town of Peekskill and County of Westchester in the following place and for the following place and for the following periods of time, to wit, in the Town of Frederickstown aforesaid about three years, that this deponent then [?] to the town of Warwick County of

Orange and State aforesaid where this deponent has ever since resided and still resides, that there was a record of this deponent age kept in his father family but whether the said record is still in existence or not this deponent is unable to state. That Jonathan Eaton of the town of [?] and County of Steuben and David B. Corfell a clergymen of the same place and David F. Drew of the town of Pultney and County aforesaid live neighbours to this deponent and can certify to this deponents characters character for truth and veracity and their belief he was a soldier of the Revolution [can't read a line squeezed between lines.]

That his name is every claim for a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the State. He hereby relinquishes [?]

(Signed) Samuel Drew

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid.

M. S. Rumsey, Dep. Clk Steuben County

Letter in folder dated May 18, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.28716 it appears that Samuel Drew, son of Gilbert Drew, was born March 7, 1759 in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Frederickson, Dutchess County, New York he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

From February 5, 1777, six weeks in Captain Hezekiah Mead's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's regiment, and was in two battles at Valentine's Hill. His father served in the same company with him in his first enlistment at which time he was also a resident of Fredericktown, New York.

From March 25, 1777 four months in Captain Nathaniel Scribner's Company Colonel Henry Ludenton's Regiment.

From September 15, 1777, three months in Captain Hezekiah Mead's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's Regiment.

From April 3, 1778, three months in Captain John Crane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's Regiment.

From July 1778, six weeks in Captain Hezekiah Mead's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's Regiment and from September 15, 1778, six weeks in same company and regiment.

From July 1779, three months in Captain Joshua Myrick's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's Regiment.

Samuel Drew went from Warwick, Orange County, New York to Pultney, Steuben County, New York where he was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832.

It is not stated whether he was ever married.

The Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any further information in regard to the above named Gilbert Drew.