

## **Pension Application for William Drew**

S.23204

State of New York

Putnam County

Common Pleas SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the said court now sitting, William Drew a resident of the town of Carmel in the County of Putnam and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That early in the year of 1776 & he thinks in the month of February, he enlisted as a private soldier for three months in a company commanded by Captain Comfort Ludington, he enlisted at the house now occupied by Mr. Cales Bloomer in the town of Kent in Putnam County but then in Dutchess County, the deponent ran away from his father to enter the service & actually enlisted before his father knew it but his father came to the place where he enlisted within an hour after he had united himself to the army by his enlistment. The same day of his enlistment he with the company started for New York & continued the march from day to day until they arrived in the city and whilst in the service the time was employed in scouting and repairing fortification in & near the city, this whole period of three months was employed in such service.

That this deponent as soon as his term of three months had expired he returned to his father's residence in what is now in Putnam County but then Dutchess County & very soon within two or three weeks after he had so returned & about the first of June 1776 he again entered under the same Capt Comfort Ludington for a term of nine months, that the company including this deponent immediately marched for N. York & [?] as far as Kings bridge where they encamped & there were employed in Building Fort Independence, that during the period that the regiment to which was attached lay at Kings Bridge. Gen. Scott with seven hundred in of which number this deponent was one went to Morrisania to which the movements of the enemy who were on Long Island but in sight of deponent remained four days at Morrisania and during this period this detachment got out of [?] & this deponent with others were ordered to Kings Bridge to get a supply of provisions & when on their return with provisions two vessels of war belonging to the British were so situated as to prevent if they choose our passage. We left along [?] under the shore, covered up the provisions with our great [?] provided slowly along, when opposite the British vessels were hailed & asked what we were doing we replied that we were looking for oysters & with this excuse we were permitted to continue our way & got with the provisions to the place where we intended to carry them for the detachment under Gen. Scott within two or three hours after the provisions were delivered Gen. Scott ordered this deponent to the bank of the river to watch the operations of the enemy – those who accompanied the deponent were stopped by him in the bushes a few rods from the river, whilst deponent went to

the [?] of the river & whilst there a shot from the opposite shore, intended for this deponent struck a stout sapling about two feet from the spot from where he stood.

That day or the names, the enemy landed from their shipping & came near surrounding the detachment & to avoid this difficulty they marched in the night under the guidance of John Adel who conducted the through the woods, until they met the army near White Plains. When the deponent was returned to his company under the command of said Comfort Ludington. The deponent had but just arrived at White Plains when the American Troops came in driven by the British & the battle at that place immediately followed in which this deponent [?] after the battle of White Plains deponent marched through North Castle to Peekskill & where commenced building a fort on the high ground that whilst engaged in this service he had an injury done to one of his eyes which terminated in its total loss of sight as soon as he recovered from the injury to his eye so as to be able to attend to duty, he was employed in obstructing the navigation of the north river so as to prevent the enemy from passing up with their vessels, this was done by filling boxes of logs with stone, & continued in this service until the expiration of his term of service which was in the winter.

This deponent further says that afterwards he thinks in the latter part of the summer in the year 1777, he again enlisted, for a term of three months service in the military service of his country into a company commanded by Capt. Elijah Townsend, in Col. Henry Ludington's Regiment. This service was performed on the lines in the Southerly part of Westchester County & after the expiration of the said three months the company to which the deponent was attached, was marched to Crumpond, in said County & ten discharged, having fully performed his tour of duty for which he had enlisted.

That late in the fall of the year 1777 the deponent again enlisted into the service under Captain John Hyatt, in Col. James Hammonds regiment for one month & performed that service on the lines in Westchester County.

That early in the year 1778 & the deponent thinks it was in the month of March he enlisted as a soldier in the Military service of his country for the term of one year in a company commanded by Capt John Drake, in Col. Morris Graham's regiment, this deponent enlisted into this company as a corporal & performed her duty as such; this service was performed on the lines moving from place to place in the lower part of Westchester County, that during this service he was wounded—he lay at a place called Mile Square in said Westchester County in consequence of that would he is is [sic] now on the roll of invalid pensioners, he performed the whole of this enlistment until he was wounded when he was taken home & was not able to walk for nearly a year, the cords of his leg having been severed by the wound.

This deponent further says that he served in several alarms, which were vry frequent & when he was not in the regular service he was often on this duty, he was absent from home on duty as a soldier in an alarm when the town of Danbury was burned & pursued the British till they arrived near to the sound, on another decision all of the regiments of militia of Col. Ludington were called out & marched to Fishkill, from thence to Peekskill & were there discharged.

That on another occasion when the British were coming up the river all the river all the militia who were in the vicinity were called upon to go to Peekskill to protect the property & repel the enemy this deponent was in this alarm.

That on another occasion he was out working for tories who were said to be in Peekskill hollow, and under this deponent was on every occasion when his services were wanted ready & willing & actually did performed all his service which was required of him, he kept no amount of the time spent in these alarms, but is confident that it cannot be less than one month.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity for revolutionary services except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state only as an Invalid Pensioner on the agency of the State of New York.

This deponent was born in the year of our Lord 1755 in Westchester County in a place now called York Tavern. He has a record of his age in the family bible at his residence in Carmel in Putnam County.

That he was living at all times, when he enlisted into the military service of the country in what is now called the tavern of Kent in Putnam County that since the revolution he has resided in what is now called the Town of Carmel in Putnam County, that on all occasions when he went into the service, he enlisted voluntarily.

That in the year 1776 when in the service in New York for three months in Capt. Ludington's company the deponent cannot now recollect the officers except his captain, Lieutenants Elijah Oakly, John Brady & Insign [Ensign] Asabel Berry. In the eservice of nine months commencing in 1776 he knew Colonel Swartout, General Scott, & after retreating to White Plains he knew Gen. Washington General Gates was also there after the taking of Burgoyne, Major Mott was the major over the deponent. Isaac Townsend and John Monroe were the two Lieutenants in the company to which the deponent belonged for this service of nine months.

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In 1777. When deponent served in Capt Elijah Townsends company he knew Col. Henry Ludington to whose regiment the company belonged the Lieutenants of the company were John Berry and Elijah Fuller, he knew Col. James Hammond Capt. John Hyatt, Lieutenant Smith Hadden.

In 1776 he knew Col. Morris Graham, Capt. John Drake, Smith Hadden & Daniel Deleavan were Lieutenants—David Hunt was adjutant. Gen. James Clinton had the command of the brigade he knew Gen. Philip Van Cortland.

He never received any written discharge from the service. He never received any written discharge from the service. He never rec'd a commission or warrant although served as a sergeant and also as a corporal at different times. (Signed) William Drew.

Sworn & subscribed in open court February 7, 1833. J. Morehouse Clerk of s'd Court.