

Pension Application for Benjamin Dyckman

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S.13815

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester

On this 13th day of December eighteen hundred and thirty five of ----- before me Edward Remeys one of the Judges ----- Common Pleas----eighty, ----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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That is to say he entered the said service in the Militia of the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Cronkite in the regiment of Colonel Samuel Deake, sometime in the month of May in the year 1776 and was at that time an Orderly Sergeant in said company and served as such. That he was ordered out by the said Colonel and was marched to Tarry town in the said County of West Chester and continued in the service there one month and was discharged.

That some time in the month of October in the year 1776 he again entered the said service in the militia of the State of New York as Lieutenant commandant under the said Captain Cronkite's company of Militia -----the militia of the State of New York it being a regiment commanded by said Colonel Samuel Drake, that he continued in the service as Lieutenant -----period of 6 months October 17th until his ----- time was up and then discharged -----County of West Chester. That during said last period of six months he was stationed -----[lot here I can't read] Battle of Fort Independence in the winter of 1777.

That some time in the month of April in the year 1777 he was again called into the service in the militia of the State of New York and was Lieutenant Commandant in a company of militia on the said request of Colonel Samuel Drake. That he continued in the service at that -----duty as Lieutenant Commandant & stood guard in the neighborhood of the ---point in the said ---expiration of my—

That in the fall of the year 1778 to best of his recollection in the month of October in said year, again entered the said service. The militia of the said state as Lieutenant -----of a company of militia in the said Regiment and was stationed at ----- neighborhood of King's Bridge in the said County of WestChester to guard the lines and continued in the service at the said last mentioned time five months and was discharged.

That some time in the month of May in the year 1779, he again entered the said service in the Militia of the said state in the same regiment as Lieutenant Commandant of a company of Militia therein and served at the said last mentioned place, and -----served as guard at Verplank's Point at Tellers Point and --- on the

banks of the Hudson River being at term some Gallies of the ----in Haverstraw lay opposite said points.

That some time in the month of June in the year 1779 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the said state as Lieutenant Commandant of a company of militia in the regiment commanded by said Colonel Samuel Drake --- in the said service at the said service at the ----time seven months by order of Governor Clinton and was stationed at Crompond in the said County of West Chester the whole of said Regiment was in the service at the said last mentioned period and continued in the service seven months that while it was stationed at said ----in the said term it was -----part of British light horse and obliged to retreat with a loss, several were killed wounded and taking prisoners.

That some time in the month of April in the year 1780 he again entered the said service with the militia of the State of New York as-----regiment commanded by said Colonel Samuel Drake and continued in the service at said last -----time three months with his company and was stationed at and in the neighbourhood of Pinesbridge in the said County WestChester was called out at said last mentioned time to guard the lines in the said County of WestChester which -----

1st The declarant further saith, that he was born in the year 1752 to the best of his information and belief that he was born on York Island -----City and County of New York.

2nd That he has no record of his age now in his possession, but he has always been informed and believes that he was baptized in a church at Harlam on said Island, Called the Dutch Church and that he has always been informed that his age is recorded in that church, and that he knows from writing in his possession that he is of the age he has above stated.

3rd That at the [?] entered the service as herein before set forth he resided in the Manor of Courtlandt now town of Cortlandt in the Court of West Chester aforesaid where he has lived since the revolution and where he now lives.

4th that he was ordered out into the service by his superior officers at the times herein before set forth; that he was never drafted; nor did he ever serve as a substitute; that he served as a volunteer for several short terms which he has not herein set forth.

5th That the names of the regular officers with whom he served are Generals Lincoln, Heath, Wooster, Brigadier Genl Scott, Major Hull, General Parsons, Major Maxwell, Colonel Ogden, and the following militia officers viz Colonel Drake & Colonel Honeywell; that the general circumstances of his service in addition to those herein before set fort are as follows viz, that the cause of his having been called into the service and marched to TarryTown in the month of May 1776 as herein before set forth was, as he then understood that some British ships were expected to sail up the Hudson River on which the said TarryTown situated and that they would land at or near said place; that there was a regiment of lives raised in the said County about the same time and proceeded to New York and left the militia on guard at Tarrytown as

aforesaid; thinks it was in the month of May 1776 although it is possible it might have been a little later in the season.

And the declarant further states in relation to his term of service of six months commencing in the month of October 1776, that he was Lieutenant Commandant of a company of Militia in the said Manor of Cortlandt on the East Bank of the Hudson River in the said County of West Chester. That the southern part of the County was in possession of the British that the declarant was on the American lines; that he was required to guard that part of the lines written the best of his company, that he served the first part of the said term commencing in October 1776, on guard on the lives within his command; that sometime in the Month of January and during said term, he was ordered to join the expedition under the command of General Heath against Fort Independence; that that expedition of said term of six months.

And the declarant further saith in relation to his term of five months service commencing in the month of April 1777; that he was then Lieutenant commandant of a company of militia near Verplank's Point almost one week below the said Manor of Courtlandt that whips of the enemy were lying in Haverstraw Bay in the neighborhood of said Verplank's Point; and that they were frequently attempting to land from their ships; that it was necessary to keep up a guard, and that the declarant was required to keep and [??] keep a guard during said term of five months, and had the command of it; that the British did land from their ships at Peekskill and burnt and destroyed a large quantity of Continental stores at that place, being about two miles from the stationed on which he the deponent was then on guard.

And the declarant further saith that in relation to his term of service of five months commencing in the fall of the year 1778. That the Continental troops on the lines in said County of West Chester had been marched away and left the County in an exposed state; that the regiment of Colonel Samuel Drake to which this declarant then belonged was called into the service to keep up the line of Military Posts in said County for the protection of the inhabitants and that the declarant served during said term in the lines on Croton River in said County and at Pines Bridge on said Croton.

And the declarant further saith in relation to his term of service of seven month commencing in the month of May 1779; that he was on guard in said Courtlandt on the banks of the Hudson River that he continued on guard there until the first of June 1779, at which time the British army under the command.

That some time in the month of October of Sir Henry Clinton landed at Tellers Point in the said Manor of Courtlandt and the same day the declarant retreated to Crompond in the northern part of said County of West Chester, and was stationed there with a body of militia until the expiration of said term of seven months and was during said term and while so stationed at Crompond attacked by the British as herein before set forth.

And the declarant saith that he cannot now set forth his service any more particularly than he has already done, except that he was in one expedition under Major Hull (he does not now recollect the year) against the British and [?] southern part of the said county of West Chester and that the declarant was ordered by Major

Hull to burn the British barracks at Morrissina which he did; that they then retreated to East [?] in said County where they were attacked and considerable fighting [fighting] took place.

6th And the declarant saith that he never received a written discharge from the service. That he received a commission in the year 1776 as lieutenant but that it is lost or destroyed; does not recollect by whom it was signed, thinks it was granted by the [commission] of the State of New York, previous to the establishment of the State government; that he also received a Lieutenant's Commission bearing date the twenty fifth day of June 1778 and signed by George Clinton as Governor which is hereto annexed.

7th That there is no Clergyman living in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted and who is acquainted in the neighborhood of declarant but the name of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution are Robert MacCord one of the justices of the Peace in and for said County and Abraham H. Lent both of Courtlandt town aforesaid.

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 with his mark) Benjamin Dyckman

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of December 1832 before me Edward Kenneys Judge WestChester Com. Pleas.