

Pension Application for David Hedden

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State of New Jersey

Essex County SS.

On this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Essex aforesaid now sitting David Hedden a resident of the Township of Newark in the County of Essex aged eighty two years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June AD 1832.

That he was born on the thirtieth day of June in the year seventeen hundred and fifty in the Township of Newark in the County of Essex aforesaid. The Family Bible which contained the original Record of his age is now in the possession of his brother Jonathan, he has a copy taken from it.

When he first entered the service during the Revolutionary War he resided in the Township of Newark in the County of Essex and has always resided in said County ever since he served at different times during the Revolutionary War as a volunteer drafted and once enlisted for three months—he first entered the service in seventeen hundred seventy six I Captain Samuel Parsons Uniform Company of Cadess. Silas Qumby was Lieutenant & Henry Squire Ensign the company volunteered and marched to Long Island, on the Landing of the British.

The company went to Elizabeth Town Point in New Jersey, were out one month, the same year was under Captain Matthias Lyon one month at Elizabeth town point was also one month under Captain John Peek, about the first of December of that year enlisted under Captain James Wheeler for three months during which time at Springfield we took sixty Hessian Prisoners, and at another time at Seacaucus, [Secaucus] our company took a Scotch Captain and a Refugee Capt. prisoners, was several times at Morristown with prisoners once Colonel Cadmus & Captain Eliphaht Johnson were the prisoners our captain (Wheeler) died a short time before my term of enlistment was out. Lieutenant John Ogden then took the command and was made Captain, when my enlistment expired we were requested to continue for two weeks longer & I remained that time.

The militia were divided into three classes and we were compelled to go tout regularly in our turns of monthly tours, and in cases of alarms we were all called out that he never during the whole war missed a single tour of duty.

That he served under Captain Thomas Williams Capt. Zebulon Jones, Captain Robert Nichols Captain, Elias Baldwin, Captain Jonathan Condit, Captain Elijah Squire, Captain Isaac Gillam, Captain Abraham Speer, Captain Reeves, Captain Jaroleman and Captain Edwards, but cannot now state as to the particular month or year that he served under each, but is certain of having served under all of them monthly tours and some of the several different times was under Colonel Dayton and Colonel Philip VanCourtlandt and Major Hayes. Is confident he served during the war two years.

Remembers General Washington, cannot now recollect any Continental Regiment except Colonel Daytons.

Never received a written discharge from service is personally acquainted with and refers to the following persons for a statement as to character and traditionary evidence of service in the Revolutionary War namely Uzal Sayres, Zadok Baldwin, Linus Baldwin, George Price, Reverend William T. Hamilton and Colonel John I. Plume.