

Pension Application for Daniel Mead

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State of New York

County of Greene SS.

On this first day of September 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Greene now sitting, Daniel Mead a resident of the town of Cairo in the said County of green, and state of New York, aged seventy four 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 I the said David Mead entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

That in or about the year 1776 (particular time not now remembered) then residing in Rhinebeck N.Y. I voluntarily enlisted into a company of militia called minute men commanded by Captain James Newcomb. The names of the other officers I have forgotten, neither can I recollect the length of time for which I enlisted if any, but my impressions are that I enlisted during the war.

This company was attached to no regiment or battalion and its duties were to be in readiness at all times to march in cases of alarm on account of the tories & British and to patrol the country in & about Rhinebeck as a guard against the Tories. The members of this company were to hold themselves ready to march at a moment's notice.

The tories in that neighbourhood were numerous and very troublesome, frequently committing depredations, destroying & carrying off property, I was frequently called out by the officers in this company to march against & in pursuit of tories and to guard against them, sometimes the whole company together at others detached into different parties under the command of the different officers in the same, was frequently called out sometimes for a day or a night at others for several days & served in this company in manner aforesaid to the conclusion of the war, when I was discharged. Cannot recollect the number of times called nor the particular services performed, but can and do positively swear, that I served faithfully under the command of said officers when called out as aforesaid in the whole for the period of six months owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory, and having been almost ever since removed from the scene of the performance of the said regiment & those engaged with me it is out of my power to state any further circumstances, particulars or names than herein before stated, I know of no person living by whom I can prove the services herein stated.

In answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department I state.

1. I was born in Fishkill NY July 25th 1760.
2. I have no record of my age.
3. I lived in Rhinebeck NY when called into service resided there till about 1790, then removed to Pittstown NY where I lived about 10 years, then removed to Cairo, NY where I have since continued to and do now reside.

4. I voluntarily enlisted into the service.
5. Can state no further names or particulars.
6. Never received a written discharge.

I can state the names of a large number of persons In my present neighbourhood to whom I am known and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I will state, Rev. Eli Denniston, Rev. Edward Adams, Rev. Daniel Q. Wright, Leonard C. Bennet, Horace Austin, Job Sutton, Joseph Sheppard &c &c

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Daniel Mead

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. W. V.B.
Heermance, Clerk