

Pension Application for David Mead

S.9975

Declaration of David Mead in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1852.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Genesee the same being a Court of Record and having a seal now sitting David Mead a Resident of the town of Ganiesville in the County of Genesee and State of New York aged seventy five 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 under the following named officers and served as herein after stated to wit—he enlisted into the Continental service (New York line) at North Castle in Westchester County in the State of New York on or about the first of August in the year 1775 (as near as he can now recollect) for the term of five months in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Platt, Lieutenants David Dann & ____ Bull, attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Holmes—the number of said regiment he has forgotten—said company was formed at North Castle and marched to Tarrytown where they joined on other company commanded by Captain Mills, which said two companies went by water in a Schooner to Albany on the North Rover—

At Albany they tarried a few days and then marched (Colonel Holmes having command) to Fort George on Lake George passing a place called half Moon where they crossed the river, they drew their blankets on board the Schooner and their Regimentals at Albany –they tarried about a week at Fort George, during which they were engaged in transporting lumber in a scow to Ticonderoga on Lake Champlain—then five boats loads of Cannon balls were transported from Ticonderoga to an encampment, 2 miles below St. Johns and this declarant went with other soldiers on board of one of the boats & assisted to work the same at the oar – under the Command of Lieutenant Riker of New York.

Next day after arriving there entered the fort at St. Johns and in a day or two after returned to Ticonderoga with British prisoners, where he remained with the troops until about the middle of January 1776 and 2 weeks after said term of five months service had expired, during which time he worked with his mess mate in a BlackSmith shop and blew & struck for him—

He took no written discharge, but was regularly dismissed by his officers and returned home on foot (through deep snow) to North [Cooted? Probably North Castle] aforesaid where he arrived about the first of February having been absent about 6 months.

In the fall of the year 1776 the militia of North Castle & the surrounding Country being called into service by reason of the appearance of the British of Long

Island he marched in a company commanded Captain John Greene of Round Hill, to New York and joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Greene, a Brother of said Captain Greene but whose Christian name he does not now recollect. They were stationed near the Grand Battery, where they remained until our troops were driven off Long Island by the British—three times said Regiment marched down to Ferry [?] to cross over to Long Island and were as often ordered back again, and did not join the Battle there soon after this declarant accompanied a sick officer (by permission of his captain) to North Castle the name of said sick officer was Knapp—but his rank this declarant has forgotten, having been in the service at this time a little more than a month—

Early the next spring this declarant removed from North Castle to Fredericks town a distance of 15 or 20 miles easterly of Peekskill where he resided a little more than two years—

In the spring following he marched with a company of militia from Frederickstown under command of Captain Joel Mead to Litchfield in Connecticut to intercept the British on their Retreat from Danbury – they united with other companies near Compo Point in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Luddington where they had a pretty smart skirmish with the British soon after which he & said troops returned home to Frederickstown taking no discharge but a parol one—have been absent only 3 or 4 days—that some time a little before harvest the same summer he thinks in July he again marched with the militia of Frederickstown under Captain Joel Mead and Colonel Luttenton [sic] to Peekskill on the Hudson River to prevent the British from landing there, where the said militia troops lay encamped about 2 weeks, during which time the British (shipping) tenders &c – Passed up the river when receiving a parol discharge he and said troops returned home—

That the next year 1778 some time in the fall, the month he cannot tell but knows that fruit apples &c was just getting ripe he again went with the same militia company commanded by the same officers to a place called Crum Pond a little back from the North River; where they remained about two weeks on guard to keep off the “Cow Boys” and others at the expiration of which time the said troops again returned home with only a parol discharge.—

In the spring following 1779 he removed to Fishkill near the North River, that some time in the summer he marched with the militia of Fishkill to Fishkill landing to oppose the landing of the British at that place, his company was commanded by Captain George Brinkerhoff and the Regiment to which it was attached was commanded by Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff a number of thousands of militia from the surrounded county found in there at the same time for the purposes aforesaid—he served here about two weeks when he returned home with only a verbal discharge from his officers—

That some time the ensuing fall on another alarm he marched under the last mentioned officers in the same company and regiment to a place called Fishkill hook a little below the Landing for the same purpose as before where they staid about two and a half weeks and having a parol discharge only returned home again to his

residence in the Town of Fishkill, which was the last time he entered the service, and this declarant further saith that during the period of three years preceding and in which said services were performed he stood ready at all times to go with the aforesaid militia on every alarm and did serve accordingly—and that the said several periods of time in which he was actually on duty in the service together make up the period of nearly a year including a considerable time spent in patrolling the streets nights to watch the “CowBoys”.

He further states that he never at any time took a written discharge from service.

And to the special Interrogatories of the Court he saith that he was born in the town of Peekskill in the County of Westchester (?) and State of New York on the 15th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven—

That he has no record of his age and knows his age from statements made to him by his parents which he believes to be correct & true—which is the only means in his power of telling his age or ascertaining the same.

When he first entered the service he resided at NorthCastle in Westchester County and State of New York, subsequently he resided at Frederickstown, and again at Fishkill when when [sic] he entered on some of the several terms of his service—

He first enlisted into the service and subsequently was called into service with the militia, and once he entered as a substitute for another man named John Griffin.

He recollects Generals George Washington, Israel Putnam & Gen. Sullivan at Long Island and General Clinton subsequently up the river he cannot name any of the Continental Regiments and that the general circumstances of his services are the same as stated above in this his said Declaration – he never received any written discharge, but was regularly dismissed by parol at the end of each term of service.

That he has no Documentary evidence by which he can prove his said services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and he further answers that he’s acquainted with Elisha Brainerd Jr. and Lewis Beach Citizens of his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for credibility and their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution—

And he further answers that, he resided about 2 years after the close of the said war in Fishkill—when he removed again to Frederickstown where he lived about 4 years then removed again to Fishkill & lived there 2 years more, then removed to Middletown in Delaware County 45 miles from Espous (now Kingston) where he resided about 2 ½ years and then moved back again to Fishkill where he resided 6 or 7 years and then removed to the town of Portage in Allegany County where he lived about one year when he moved to his present [present] residence in the town of Gainesville in Genesee County aforesaid where he has since resided and where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity but the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) David Mead

Subscribed & Sworn the day and year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch
Clerk