

Pension Application for Daniel Morrison or Morisson

W.17163 (Widow Rebecca. In 1837 at age seventy six, she applied for pension. They were married September 10, 1779 and that Daniel died on the 26th day of September 1836.)

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this thirteenth 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 in and for said County now sitting Daniel Morrison a resident of the Town of Duaneburgh in said County and State aged eighty six 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.

He was born in the Parish of Perthshire Scotland in the Kingdom of Great Britain on the twenty second day of March 1746. He has no record of his age.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in the town of Wallkill County of Orange in the State of New York, and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said town of Duaneburgh where he now lives.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the summer of the year 1776 he enlisted in Captain John Nicholson's (1) Company of the 2d New York Regiment under the command of Colonel James Clinton of his other company and Field Officers he remembers only the name of Gregg 2d Lieut (2) The term of his enlistment in this company was six months which he served out faithfully and then he received his discharge. During this engagement he marched to St. Johns Quebec and Montreal. He was with the troops under General Montgomery (3) and aided in the taking of the garrison of St. Johns & Montreal and was with General Montgomery during the siege of Quebec.

The precise time he returned from the northern campaign he cannot recollect, but when he returned he enlisted for and during the war in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain Jacob DeWitt. (4) His other officers which he recollects were John Broadhead and William Bull. While in this company he marched to Esopus, Minisink, Hackinsack & other places in New Jersey, he continued to serve in this company until it was disbanded which was about three years after his enlistment therein. He cannot remember dates.

This Declarant next enlisted in the Quarter Master's Department under Col. Hughs (5), and discharged fatigue duty for about the term of one year at King's Ferry & other places. After serving out the last described term he served pursuant to enlistment for three months in Moses Bull's Company of Rangers. He thinks this was in the year 1782. This last service was rendered at Kingston guarding Tories.

When the battle of Monmouth (6) took place he participated in it & while in Quebec, during the expedition he was in several encounters with the enemy.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Captain Dubois, General Schuyler (7) & those officers whose names are herein before stated.

He never received any written discharge from the service that he recollects of and if he did it is lost.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, who is now living.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit—the Rev'd Thomas Holliday and Daniel Morrison Junr.

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) Daniel Morrison

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman Clerk

End Notes—Daniel Morrison—W.17163

1. Daniel enlisted as a private on July 12, 1775 in Captain John Nicholson's Company (Second Company) in Colonel James Clinton's Third New York Continental Regiment. A Thomas Morrison had enlisted on July 8, 1775 in the same company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, Folder 38, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The lieutenants of the company were David DuBois and James Gregg.
3. Major General Richard Montgomery.
4. On July 23, 1776 the Provincial Congress of New York authorized several companies of rangers to be raised. There were at least 10 companies. Jacob Rusten DeWitt was appointed Captain of one of these companies. All of the ranger companies were discharged on March 27, 1777. DeWitt's Company did not exist for 3 years, Captain DeWitt had been Captain of the Sixth Company (Appointed on September 29, 1775), in Colonel James Clinton's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia. When Colonel Clinton was

appointed Colonel of the Third New York, Lieutenant-Colonel James McClaughrey took command of the Second Ulster. McClaughrey was commissioned Colonel of this regiment on March 23, 1778. When Captain DeWitt left the regiment to command the Ranger Company, First Lieutenant Abraham Cuddeback assumed command of the company. Cuddeback was commissioned Captain on March 23, 1778.

5. Colonel Hugh Hughes. He was appointed on May 11, 1776 as Assistant Quartermaster General.
6. A Daniel Morrison appears to have enlisted on May 19, 1778 for 9 months in Captain James Stewart's Company (Third Company) in Colonel Lewis DuBois Fifth New York, Continental Regiment. This Daniel was discharged on June 14, 1779. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778. The Fifth New York was not in this battle, the regiment was still in New York.
7. Major General Philip Schuyler.