

Pension Application for David Perry

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State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this ninth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting.

Present

John Tracy

Nathan Taylor

Levi Bigelow

Hezekiah Reed

Charles York

David Perry a resident of the town of Lincklaen in the County of Chenango and State of New York aged seventy three years and upwards 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 7, 1832.

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

About the first of April 1780 at New Concord Columbia County New York enlisted into what was called nine months men (thinks they were hired by the state) for eight months into a company commanded by Lothrop Allen Captain of New Briton so called but now called Chatham Columbia County—does not recollect the name of the Lieutenant—knows not who was Colonel but supposes that one Harper was Colonel as it was said. He was Colonel of the Northern department at that time.

Supposes TenBroeck was commandant of the Brigade as his company received marching orders from him at Albany—received by his father at the time of enlistment thirty two pounds—he was hired by a class as the tours were divided into classes and every class for which he was hired passed muster in about a week at Albany remained at Albany a day or two and then marched with his company up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer—remained there about a week and then went to Fort Dayton and were there stationed remained at Fort Dayton three or four weeks and were then sent with Sergeant Camp and sixteen men to a place called little Germantown about six miles up the river from Fort Dayton where was a small blockhouse—

About a week or ten days after we were stationed at Germantown had a night skirmish with the Indians between Fort Dayton and Germantown he had went with some of the men to guard the wagons to mill at Little Falls and the return had this skirmish which last between a half an hour and a hour a few days after this had another skirmish with the Indian sand Tories at Germantown.—They attacked the Village of little Germantown and cut off most of the inhabitants this skirmish commenced about nine oclock in the morning and after they cut off the inhabitants the Indians remained about twelve oclock after this skirmish remained at Little Germantown four or five days and then went back to Fort Dayton and then remained there until about the first of July.

When this deponent enlisted into Captain Norton who was recruiting until the fifteenth day of December as the time which he enlisted into the former company would expire on the first of December. This deponent had liberty as he understood to enlist into any other company if he would enlist for a longer time than he would be obliged to serve under his former enlistment—received a certificate for ten bushels of wheat after he was discharged which was to be paid after he was discharged.

Next day after he enlisted to Capt. Norton went to Albany & remained there one day and then went down the river in a sloop to West Point & stayed there one night and then went to a place about ten miles west of this to a place called Kings Ferry he thinks and then went to a place about ten miles west of this to a place called Stein Rappe and there joined his regiment and was put into company commanded by one Titus Captain one Doge Lieutenant. The regiment was under the command of Frederick Wisenfelt Colonel thinks one Davis was Major one Tallmadge Adjutant.

The commandant of Brigade was General Clinton—remained at Stein Rappe four or five weeks and then marched down with the regiment to a place called VanHorns Mills which he thinks was in the State of New Jersey and remained there about a week and then went to Fort Washington or Fort Lee but does not know which as he remained but two months but it was the upper Fort—then went back to VanHorns Mill and there remained from one to two weeks and then went back to Stein Rappe and was there at the time of the Execution of Major Andre who was hung at a place called Orangetown a place about two miles from Stein Rappe after his execution in about a week marched up with his regiment to West Point and remained building redoubts and performing fatigue duty and on guard until about the first of November and then went up with the regiment in sloops to Albany and remained there three or four days—and then marched with the regiment to Schenectady and there remained one day and then marched up the Mohawk river to Fort Stanwix (now Rome) and remained there about three days.

Then all who were enlisted on the Mohawk river were taken by Captain Norton to Albany and were discharged by General TenBroeck who gave a written discharge – was in no skirmish or battle during this service except those mentioned sergeant Asa Camp & Lyman Jackson and Privates Ichabod Smith and Stephen Burgess, Ezek Aylesworth one Hubbard were in the company commanded by Captain Allen and served with him one William Sergeant and one Glover Sergeant on Cook, Barber, one Penny, one Trip , Captain Titus and served with him.

About the first of April 1781 enlisted again at New Concord for nine months into a company commanded by Captain Fundy—thinks the lieutenant[‘s] name was Grant. The regiment was under the command of Charles McKinstre Colonel (the names of the other regimental officers does not recollect. Supposed as it was so said that General TenBroeck was commandant of the Brigade—was hired by a class—[?] at Albany the company or rather at a place called the Oak Tree about five miles from Albany then marched into Albany and received those orders and there remained over night and then marched with his company to Saratoga and there remained until the tenth of June and then enlisted for three years.

A new regiment was then raising, and each man remained in his former company enlisted to a Lieutenant Richardson who was a recruiting officer remained at Saratoga in his former company until sometime in the fall and then the recruits of which he was one were taken by Lieutenant Richardson to Ballston and there remained through the winter some time in April as he thinks he was marched with the rest of the recruits by Richardson up the Mohawk River to Canajoharie and there joined the regiment and this deponent was put into a company commanded by [?] Pierce Captain, First Lieutenant one Richardson Second Lieutenant one Trimper. The regiment was under the command of Marenus Willett, Colonel Pliny More Adjutant the names of the regimental officers does not recollect known not who was General but was reviewed once by Lord Stirling and was never reviewed by any other general—

Remained at Canajoharie thorough summer building a block house and barracks remained there until sometime in February as he thinks but does not recollect the precise time went down the river to Duanesburg Currysbusch and the adjacent parts and passed between twenty and thirty teams and then marched with the teams up the river to Fort Herkimer and were there joined by a Rhode Island regiment mostly formed of Blacks remained at Fort Herkimer two or three days and then marched to Fort Stanwix accompanied by the Rhode Island and there remained only one night and then marched for Fort Oswego a British Fort under the personal command of Colonel Willet for the purpose of taking the Fort but the expedition failed went within about three miles of the Fort as it was said but does not know as they did not see the Fort but they were led wrong by the guide and at daybreak they retreated back to Fort Herkimer on this expitition [expedition] froze both his feet which he has not yet recovered wholly from remaining at Fort Herkimer two or three weeks and then went to Fort Plain and there remained in the hospital on account of his feet until sometime in June 1783.

And then being so far recovered as to be able to duty and then remained there until fall and then marched down to Schenectady and there remained about two weeks and then marched to Albany and remained until the 5th day of January 1784 and on the next day went to Schenectady and then on that day was discharged by the Captain who gave a written discharge which he has lost and then also received a certificate for five hundred acres of land on the Chezie River. Gave a hundred acres to Pliny More to locate it and sold the other four hundred to James Rice of Albany – was engaged in not battle or skirmish during this term one Hamblin one Lewis one Hollister one DeForrest Sergeants one Hopkins one DeGoley one DeVert Corporals, Rufus Shephard David Campbell, James Cambell, Archibald Cambell, Asa Corkings, John Lansing, Evert Lansing, Elijah Griswold and Josiah Burnam, Privates served in the same company with him and were discharged with him at [blank]

And he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Rufus Shepard of the town of Sherburne, County of Chenango and Asa Corkings of New Berlin County of Chenango whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

In answers to the interrogatories required to be put by the war department to applicants for pension she answers as follows viz.

1st Was born in New Concord Columbia County in the year 1759, the eighth day of August.

2^d Has no record of his age.

3rd. He resided at New Concord Columbia County New York each time he entered the service and remained there after the war until 1794 and then moved to Sherburne, Chenango County State of New York and remained there nine or ten years and then went to Georgetown Madison County New York. And there remained about eighteen or nineteen years and then removed back to Sherburne and there remained about eighteen months and then moved to Vernon Oneida County New York and there remained about eighteen months and then went to Truxton Cortland County and there remained about three years and then went to Lincklaen Chenango County where he now resides.

4th Enlisted each time into the service it was so called although twice was hired by a class as stated in his declaration.

5th Sawa General Washington at Fort Herkimer General Clinton Stein Rappe—the general circumstances of his services are as stated in his declaration as near as he recollect[s].

6th He gives the names of Josiah Lathroop Farmer, Joshua Pratt Merchant, Newcomb Raymond Farmer, Timothy Hatch Farmer, Amos Cole Farmer all of the town of Sherburne, Enos Holliby Merchant, Isaac Clark Farmer, Samuel Plumb Post Master all of the town of Lincklaen, George Cooly of the town of Otselic Chenango County as men to whom he is known and who reside in the neighbourhood where he now resides or where he has resided and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He further states that as he has not lived in Lincklaen but a short time there is no clergyman in the neighborhood who is sufficiently acquainted with him to testify to his character or give an opinion of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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) David Perry.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. K. Pike, Clk