

Pension Application for Daniel Reeves or Rives

R.8842

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Seneca County SS.

On this fourth day of February 1835, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Seneca and State of New York, David Reeves, a resident of Lodi in said County 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 7, 1832.

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

When the Revolutionary war commenced, declarant was an apprentice in the town of Shoemaking with one Henry Tuttle and resided at Southold Long Island in the State of New York. After the enemy took possession of the Island, declarant left and went up to the Nine Partners, now town of Armenia Dutchess County, in the State of New York and resided with one Gideon Castle.

In the month of August 1780 as declarant believes, though he will not be positive as to the month or year, and the day he cannot recollect, but of this he is confident, that it was the same year that Major Andre was taken and executed for he well recollects, that it was when he was in this service that Andree was executed. A draft was made from Captain Chamberlain's Company to which declarant belonged and as declarant thinks in Col. Stephen's Regiment, at the time positive aforesaid, and declarant with others were drafted for three months service and marched under one Captain Green to West Point in the State of New York, where he remained a few days, when there was a call for our Regiment and fifty volunteers from the militia to go and join the Grand Army as it was called at Tappan (or Topon as it was then called) which was on the Hudson River below West Point. Declarant with others numbering one hundred and fifty volunteered and marched under Lieutenant Deleran to Tappan aforesaid and then joined the Grand Army connecting to the Brigade under the Command of General DeMarquis (Lafayette) declarant remained in this service three months and after he arrived at Tappan was allowed to Captain Austin's company in Col. Philip Van Cortlandt's Regiment of infantry of the Regular Army, was discharged or dismissed and returned home to the Nine Partners when he arrived home he thinks it was November.

That before he returned home there had been another draft from the same, Captain Chamberlain's Company and a man who was a Stranger to declarant and whose name declarant cannot recollect, had been drafted and had hired a substitute, who, when the time went for the draft to march had been intoxicated and lay drunk, and declarant was hired by the stranger who had been drafted. That at this time he march[ed] under Captain Humphrey to Fort George on Lake Champlain in the State of New York and returned back to Fort Miller on the Hudson River and remained out in

service two months was discharged or dismissed and returned home. Declarant does [not] recollect the month or day when he thus march[ed] as a substitute but he thinks in the month of November 1780.

The next spring 1781 declarant being out of other business, went to said [?] in the State of Connecticut for the Express purpose of volunteering into military service and in the month of April in that year, the day not recollected; did volunteer and entered into a company of Militia commanded by Captain Lee and marched to [Hornbeck?] in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut and remained there in service three months in Captain Lewis Company, was discharged or dismissed and returned home. General Waterbury commanded the detachment to assist Captain Lee's Company belonged, at [Hornbeck?]

While laying at Hornbeck declarant heard of a brother whom he had not seen for several years and understood he was at Goshen, Orange County in the State of New York, and after his service was ended at Hornbeck, he went to Goshen and found his brother Nathan Reeves. Within a few days after arriving at Goshen and declarant thinks in the month of August 1781, the day not recollected, there was a draft from the Militia at that place and on David Arnold was drafted, who hired declarant as a substitute. He marched to Newburgh in the same County where the troops mustered and declarant was attached to Captain Bogardus Company. O from thence they marched to West Point where they remained two or three days & orders came for the first and second company in Col. Hay or Phelpus? Regiment (Captain Bogardus Company being the first) to march up to Albany they did accordingly march to Albany where they remained a few days and then marched to Schenectady, remained there about a week and they then ordered to Johnstown, where they marched and remained a few days and they were then ordered to Saratoga where they marched and remained under the command of General Schuyler until declarants term of service was expired—was discharged or dismissed and returned home to the Nine Partners aforesaid. Declarant was out in this last service four months and while at Saratoga, intelligence was received that Lord Cornwallis was taken prisoner.

Most of the employment of declarant while in service was to keep garrison and go out upon scouts. While at Saratoga, information was received, that two or three hundred [?] of the enemy had landed near Fort George on lake Champlain and a scout consisting of a Lieutenant and twenty men was sent out to make discover. This scout did onto return as was expected and a detachment of five hundred men & also declarant was me, was sent out in search as they started at night and marched all night and until they arrived at Fort Edward where they met the said scout. Declarant had stated the purposeful plans or country through which he marched. Was in a small engagement when were about five hundred of the enemy and there was in a small engagement. Where were about five hundred of the enemy and three hundred amassing at Tioga Point near Morrisania on Long Island, served in the State of New York.

Declarant was born at Southold Long Island in the State of New York, March 3d 1760. Has no record of his age, lived at the Nine Partners, Dutchess County and State

of New York when first called into service. Since the Revolution lived a short time at Woodstock, Ulster County in the State of New York & moved from there to Middletown Delaware County and state aforesaid, where he lived about forty years and about two years ago moved to Lodi Seneca County and State aforesaid where he has since lived and now lives. The first time he entered the service was drafted, the second time he served as a substitute for a man who was a stranger to him and whose name he cannot recollect. The third time he volunteered and the fourth and last time he was as a substitute for one David Arnold.

He knew Generals Washington, DeMarquis (Lafayette) Waterbury and Schuyler & Col. Cortlandt. The first time he saw Gen. Washington was at Tappan in the State of New York.

Never received a written discharge and never held a commission. Has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person who can testify to his services. Is known to Seth P. Finch, Travis Townsend, Gilbert Townsend, Elder Richard P. Woolsey and many others in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for truth and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Daniel Reeves.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Seba Murphy
Clk.