

## **Pension Application for David Soper**

S.23430

State of New York

County of Livingston SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Livingston County aforesaid David Soper a resident of the town of Conesus in the County of Livingston aforesaid aged 78 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 Uni[ted] States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1778 the Regiment of Militia of the County of Ulster in the State of New York where he then lived was divided into 4 divisions under the regulation that each division should serve one quarter of the time being a frontier county and open to the ravages of Indians and Tories certain storehouses at [?] kiln were occupied as garrisons where each division in their turn kept garrison encampment was made by the order of Governor George Clinton was employed which at the garrison or store houses aforesaid in scouting and watching for Indians who frequently came into the settlement and commit[ed] some depredations and disappeared was out two terms during this year to wit two months— That in the year 1779 acted under the same regulation served one month in the spring of the year at the same place and for the same purpose—during the service above named Captain Jacob Hosbrook Lieut Abram Deo [Deyo] & Peter Hasbrook—Col Paulding & John Cantine. In the month of September or October went upon a tour of duty to march from County aforesaid to meet Gen'l Sullivan who was to march from the Jerseys and General Clinton from Albany upon the Banks of the Susquehannah River in the expedition of General Sullivan against the Indians, Colo Paulding had the command—Majors VanBenscouter & Shandy not [met?] a Frenchman a refugee from Canada – marched through the wilderness and down to the forks of the Delaware (between 800 and 1000 men) up the next fork of the Delaware about 14 miles from thence over the mountains to the Susquehannah River to a place called Coolittz, the place designated to meet General James Clinton when they arrived Genl Clinton had passed and there left a letter sticking upon a tree directing Colo. Paulding to act his discretion whether to follow or return—they had no boats and the officers concluded best to return having only Peck [pack] horses to carry their baggage—took their back track and arrived at Ulster in November, being gone about two months—suffered much from hunger and fatigue he having waded the Delaware River going & returning 118 times sometimes breast high.

That during the above two years service there was 6 alarms beside what has been above enumerated in which he was called to the frontier and serve each time at least two weeks sometimes longer alarms in consequence of Indians and Tories invading the inhabitants burning carrying off and destroying property.

That in the year 1777 the Regiment [sic] of Militia to which he belonged were ordered up to join the army of Genl Gates against Burgoyne and went up in a company with a Regt of regulars commanded by Colo Webb, twas in the month of October—when they arrived at Albany heard of the capture of General Burgoyne were then ordered back as far as Twalfs kiln at the mills upon the creek by that name where there was some military stores in the west side of the river where they remained about one month and discharged the British having sailed down the river.

Born on Long Island Town of Huntington Suffolk County in the year 1754 in the month of June the record of his age having been burned by the enemy on Long Island is not certain as to the exact day or year but to the best of his recollection in June 1754.

Lived in Ulster County when called into service and as recited above.

Never rec'd a written discharge.

That he has no evidence of his services.

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 Soper

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Elias Clark, Justice of the Peace.

Conisus October 9<sup>th</sup> 1835.

Mr. Edwards, Sir, after my compliments to you wishing you health and pece [peace] and tranquility, Sir—I have hand information from your honor by way of Judge Gibbs that in my claim concerning my pension that I had not placed my officers that I serv'd under as the law directs Sir I want if I can to give you information the first expedition that I was called out was in 1777 at the taking of Burgoine and the following officers namely were Colonel John Cantine Major Joseph Hasbrook, Jacob Hasbrook Captain Lieutenant Abraham Deo in 1775 our regiment was laid in four divisions, I serv'd one month in four which makes 3 months in that year in the year 1779 I serv'd one month in the spring our regiment was plac'd in a number of divisions on the frontier in a number of guard houses again 1779 was call'd again and instead of serving on the frontier as [?] was order'd to join the State troops under the command of Alber't Paling Colonel, Major VanbenScolten in this expedition in order to brake up and destroy the Indian settlements and to prevent the tories assisting them in further mischief as they assisted the Indians on their way in their hostility on our frontiers and then was order'd to join General Clinton at the Susquehannah River. Serv'd in this tower [tour?] two months again in the time of the Indians invasion our whole regiment was called out in November of times in which I serv'd two months under Colonel John Cantine, Joseph Hasbrook, Mayjor [sic] Jacob Hasbrook, Captain and Abraham Deo Lieutenant I might have nam'd my company officers first in Sullivan's Expedition Richard Hasbrook was Captain Peter Hasbrook Lieutenant.

I quote back to the year 1778 and remark that in that year when we kept our guards that [?] Daniel Frier was constantly our commander during these expeditions as officer of our guard.

Sir, I have stated as correct as is in my power I wish Sir you would look it over and send me a line if anything is wanting. I wish you would be kind enough to let me know in particular what it is. I am Sir yours with respects, David Soper.