

## **Pension Application for David Taws**

S.15518

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this Twelfth 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 David Taws a resident of the Town of Princetown in said county & state, aged eighty four 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

He was born in Parish of Mafflin Scotland in the Kingdom of Great Britain the month of December 1748. 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 now townfo Princetown (then Corriesbush) and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place & he now lives in the town of Princetown aforesaid.

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

On the first day of July 1776, he enlisted for the term of six months, in the company commanded by Captain Henry Marselus in Colonel VaznSchaick's Regiment & served out said term of six months in said company & longer; to wit until the latter part of December 1776. His other company officer whom he recollects is Ensign or Lieutenant Van Antwerp. While in this engagement he performed milit;ary duty at Skenesborough, Fort George & Fort Ann.

In the year 1777, he was enrolled in Captain John Mynderson's Company of Militia in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Regiment. His other Company & field officers whom he recollects were Lawrence Mynderse, Lieutenant Abraham J. Truax Ensign- Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors—

He remained a member of this company until the end of said war, and served faithfully therein whenever called upon. It is impossible for him to specify all the terms of service in which he engaged. His principal expeditions were as near as he can recollect then as follows.

In the fall of the year 1777, during the Northern Campaign against Burgoyne he was in Camp at Fort Miller & Fort Ann for the term of two or three weeks.

He was on duty for four weeks at the Middlefort in Schoharie, at Stone Arabia two weeks & thinks Jellis Fonda had there the command—at Canajoharie two or three times or four times for a term of two weeks & more each time.

When the settlements on the Mohawk river were destroyed in 1780, he was with the militia on that occasion. He has also been at Bellston [Ballston] on and alarm which however proved groundless. Alarms were very frequent in the neighborhood where he resided & he was often called out at a moment's warning.

The different periods of time for which he served in the garrison and in the field he declares cannot be less than nine months.

He was in the battle at Stillwater & in many skirmishes with the army during said war.

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: Generals Schuyler, Arnold, Gaansevoort, Ten Broeck.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

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

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: Daniel Darrow & James Taws

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is onto son the pension roll of a the agency of any State. (Signed with; his mark) David Taws.

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