

Pension Application for David Van Dike

W.25825 (Widow: Sabra) Married August 21, 1821. David died March 15, 1836.

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State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 9 day of Oct. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting David Van Dike a resident of the town of Roxbury aged in the county of Delaware and State of New York aged 70 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.

The latter part of April or first of May 1781 he resided at the town of Catskill in the State of New York on the Hudson River & then as a substitute for John More & others nine months as a private under Col. Willis, Capt. Philip [Vornum?], Lieut Peter VanBergen second Lieut Isaac VanValkenburg and served out the said 9 months as such private under said officers marched from Catskill to Cairo and was stationed at Cairo about miles from Catskill for the nine months at the expiration of which time he was dismissed at Cairo.

He had no written discharge was in no battle returned to Catskill after his discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his said service, was engaged in building a log fort part of the time was dismissed on the first day of Jan 1782.

In the spring of 1782 he resided at Catskill aforesaid and again went as a substitute for John More & others for nine months as a private under Col. Willis, Capt Gray & Lieut Becker. Marched to Woodstock to Schoharrie [Schoharie] in the State of New York & was stationed at Schoharrie for the residue of the 9 months at Middlefort aforesaid during the term he lay at Middlefort was engaged in one battle with Indians and Tories who made an assault upon the fort and were repulsed with a number of killed and wounded four of the soldiers in the fort were killed Col. Vrooman commanded the fort—He had no written discharge—he was dismissed on the first of Jan 1783 & returned to Catskill.

In the Spring of 1783 he resided at Catskill aforesaid and again enlisted as a private for nine months under Col. Vrooman, Capt Harrison and marched from Catskill to Schoharrie to Middlefort where he as stationed for 9 months at the expiration of the 9 months. At the expiration of the 9 months was dismissed at Middlefort and returned to Catskill.

He had no written discharge. He was in no battle during the said 9 months last aforesaid.

He has no documentary evidence of his service.

He was born at Catskill in the State of New York the 17 day of March 1762 and resided there till the close of the war when he removed to the town of Windham County of Greene and State of New York about 34 miles from Catskill aforesaid.

He resided at Windham in 1818 when he removed to the town of Roxbury County of Delaware and State of New York aforesaid where he has ever since and still resides.

The persons who are living by whom he expects to be able to prove his said service in the revolutionary war are John More of the said town of Roxbury and Bennet Dubois of Catskill aforesaid.

He cannot recollect the names of any other officers under whom he served. No Continental troops or officers marched joined or were stationed with the forces to which he belonged.

The names of the persons of his present neighbourhood to whom he is known and by whom he can prove his character for veracity and their belief of this services as a soldier of the revolution are John T. More, Otis Preston, and Jonas More.

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 with his mark) David Van Dike

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. C.B. Sheldon, Clerk