

Pension Application for Daniel Wedeman

R.11268

Declaration to obtain a pension under act of Congress 7th June 1832.

State of Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania]

Luzerne County SS.

On this sixth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court now sitting at Wilkes Barre and for the said County of Luzerne Daniel Wideman of Providence township in Luzerne County State of Pennsylvania aged seventy seven 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 7th 1832.

Says that he was born in the City of Hamburg in German in the month of December in the year 1754 came to Boston in 1775 as a Servant to an English officer. I was taken prisoner by the Americans in the Year 1777 while in Burgoynes Army (1) in Gen. Redhirshells (2) detachment and in a skirmish with the Americans and Stockbridge Indians while out in a foraging party in search of provisions.

In March 1779 I was enlisted in the Continental service by Capt Timbrook (3) in Claverack township in Albany now Columbia County NY. And was sworn to allegiance to the Continental service by Esquire Wesimer in Claverack township aforesaid. And the next day went to West Point and was mustered and enrolled under Sergeant Ostrander. (4) I remained at West Point for three years or during the war in all of which time I was engaged in active service in the scouting parties against the Cowboys and other expeditions. Col. Gansevoort (5) commanded the Regiment I was in about six months. Capt VanSchaick the company—Col Cortland or VanCortlandt commanded regt about a year and a half. Capt Phillip commanded the company a greater portion of the time.

Genl Wayne (6) commanded at West Point when I first went there. In a short time he left the Fort under the command of (I think) Genl Green (7) and went to the northward—Wayne was absent four or five months—he returned again and took command of the fort.

I was in the expedition to Stony Point (8)—I was in that part of the detachment commanded by Wayne.

The morning after the fort surrendered I was in the part of our forces which [?] back to West Point.

I was in many skirmishes—at Hoboken (9) I was in a skirmish and got wounded in the [?] by spent ball.—Was at West Point during the remainder of my service a period of three years & more. I had a written discharge—It was signed I think by Col VanRansellar—I have lost it. I lost it at Bloomingrove in a box in 1797.

Have no record of my age here. Had in Hamburg—I lived at Kinderhook till 1797—removed at that time to Luzerne County Pennsylvania and have lived here in Providence Township ever since.

Never have applied to the Department for a pension.

And hereby relinquish all right to any other pension but this. My name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I have no living proof of my service that I know of. I refer to Joseph Utter, Adolphus Putwich, E. A. Beckeley and Joseph Slocum. (Signed) Daniel Wedeman (11)

Sworn & Subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid. H. Pettebone,
Prot.

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1. In 1777, in Lieutenant General John Burgoyne Commanded an invasion army of 7,000 men consisting of British regulars, German Troops, Loyalists Regiments, Canadians and Indians from Canada. They journeyed through Lake Champlain to Lake George and down the Hudson River and valley. Burgoyne's troops were in several battles and skirmishes until he surrendered the remnants of his army on October 17, 1777 to Major General Horatio Gates at what is now Schuylerville, Saratoga County.
2. Major General Friedrich Von Riedesel. Wederman possibly as a soldier in the Regiment Von Riedesel.
3. Mostly referring to a Captain TenBroeck but to which is unknown. There were no Captains by that last name in the Eighth or Ninth Regiments of Albany County Militia also known as the First and Second Claverack Battalions. There was an Ensign Adam TenBroeck and Ensign Anthony Ten Broeck that served in Colonel Robert Van Rensselaer's Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
4. Daniel Claims Continental service but he makes conflicting statements in the several following paragraphs. There are several Ostranders which does not give my additional clues to his service.
5. Now here starts more conflicting statements of service. Colonel Peter Gansevoort commanded the Third New York Continental Regiment. There was no captain VanSchaick in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment. Colonel Philip VanCortlandt commanded the second New York Continental Regiment. Both regiments in 1779 were in the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign against the Iroquois Villages in western New York State. Daniel claims to have stayed at West Point for if he was in either of the above Continental regiments unless he had a special skill, he would have been with the regiment. Now this claim maybe the most accurate as Captain Jacob Philip served in Colonel Robert VanRensselaer's Regiment.
6. Anthony Wayne was appointed brigadier general in the Continental Army on February 21, 1777.
7. Nathaniel Greene was appointed major general in the Continental Army on August 9, 1776.
8. The Battle of Sony Point was fought on July 16, 1779. General Wayne was wounded in this battle. Most of the troops involved in this battle were Pennsylvania troops.

9. Not enough information given as to when but may have happened in 1780. He also didn't mention the Major General Benedict Arnold's Treason of September 1780 or the hanging of Major John Andre.
10. This statement brings us back to the former Colonel Robert Van Rensselaer's Regiment. On June 16, 1780, Robert was appointed brigadier general of the Second Brigade of Albany County Militia. On July 1, 1780 First Major Henry J. Van Rensselaer was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant in place of Robert. Wedeman's name was not in the existing records of the Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia, Gansevoort's Van Cortlandt's and Colonel Goose Van Schaick's First New York Regiment.
11. Wedeman's pension application was denied for lack of proof.