

## **Pension Application for Daniel Woodworth**

S.32612

State of Indiana

Green County SS.

Green County Probate Court Nov. [1?] 1839.

Be it remembered that on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Willis D. Lester Probate Judge of the county of Green Aforesaid Daniel Woodworth a resident Citizen of the County of Green aforesaid aged eighty seven years on the 14 day of January last past and who being duly sworn doth on oath declare that in order to avail himself of the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he was born in the County of Ulster in the State of New York on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1752, in which County he continued until he entered the Army in the Service of the United States as hereinafter stated. To wit, that on the first day of June in the year 1777 he volunteered for the term of seven months in the company commanded by Captain Nicholas Johnson (1) in Ridgement commanded by Col. Van Horne, and Major Benjamin Scooter. That his Lieutenants were Houze Johnson (brother of Captain Johnson) and Mr. Allsworth, the (Christian name of the 2d Lieutenant Allsworth not now remembered) That his Ensign was Robert Mould (2), and his Orderly Sergeant was of the name of Jacob R. Rose.(3)

That during this 7 months engagement the nature of his was to protect and defend the frontiers from the predatory incursions of Indians and Tories, and that he was posted the whole time at Mamma Catting Fort except (when they were ordered out in pursuit of the Indians) that during this 7 months whilst they were stationed at Mamma Catting fort the Indians and Tories destroyed a whole dutch settlement and fort on Van Tines Kill distance about 15 or 20 miles from Mamma Catting, that in two or three weeks after the destruction of the inhabitants of VanTine Kill, that the Indians and Tories again returned, into the neighbourhood, and also destroyed another whole dutch settlement on the mouth of the Navissing Creek about 10 miles from Mamma Catting. That upon the destruction of this last settlement that the whole Regiment to which this declarant was attached left Mamma Catting fort and pursued the Indians and in three days marching we overtook the Indians, at the big bend of the Delaware river being about 700 in number where we had a general engagement with them, and defeated them killing about 600 of them and the rest making their escape by swimming the river after the battle with the Indians we again returned to Mamma Catting where this declarant continued until his term of service had fully expired which was on the first day of January 1778.

That he was then discharged & received his discharge in writing which discharge was signed and handed to him by Col. Van Horne or by Maj. Benjamin Scooter, he will not say positively which of them signed said discharge, that after he was, thus discharged he returned home, where he remained from the first of January 1778 up to the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1778, when he again volunteered for three months under the same officers and was also forted at the same fort.

That during this last three months engagement that he was in no battle nor in any very active service but was all the time in the fort except on some few occasions when with some others would be sent to some neighbouring forts to carry some messages from this fort to other forts relative to the movements of the Indians & c.—he also states that he fully served out his full tour of three months herein last mentioned & was discharged on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1778 & received his discharge in writing & that the same was signed and handed to him by Col. Van Horne, after which he again returned home where he remained until the first of Oct 1778.

This declarant further states that on the first day of Oct 1778 he gain volunteered in the company commanded by Capt. Drake (4) in the Regiment commanded by Col. Van Horne, for the term of three months that the other subaltern officers attached to said company were strangers to this declarant--that as soon as he had volunteered on this last tour, that s'd Capt. Drake & Company was composed of 100 volunteers besides the officers, that the day this declarant joined said company that they were ordered from Mamma Catting fort where he joined them to a place called the Bazin on the Lake a distance of about 150 or 200 miles from Mamma Catting for the purpose of destroying the crafts at that place belonging to Indians and Tories. That as Capt. Drake & his company came to the Bazin the place of their destination that the Indians about 6-700 in number had just landed and that a general battle then commenced between our company & the Indians, that the Indians the very first fire killed Capt. Drake & nearly all the officers that in said engagement—all our company were killed except five that is this declarant and four other privates who after the battle was over by the darkness of the evening (night fall coming on before the battle was ended) were enabled to make their escape & who had arrived safe back again at MammaCatting after this declarant had returned from this last battle with the Indians, he with the other four privates with him were attached to another Captain's Company—the name of whom this declarant does not now remember—but that he was still stationed at Mamma Catting, under the Command of the s'd Capt. Until he had fully served out this said term of three months, and was discharged by his Capt.

On the first of January 1779—without having received any written discharge—but having been discharged by word of mouth—after which he returned home, and remained at home until the first day April 1779 when he again entered as a Volunteer for the term of Six months in the Ranging service of the U.S. in the company commanded by John Newkirk (5) in the Regiments commanded by Col. Philips (6) who lived near Goshen. That his Lieutenants in said company were Alldridge Rose and Mr. Hornbrook (7) (the first name of the said Hornbrook not now remembered) that the nature of his service during this 6 months tour was that of Indian Spy and was continually engaged in Travelling from Fort to Fort and giving information to the several Forts of the Movements of the Indians—That during said 6 months as a spy he had made several trips to Cashafton on the Delaware which had been previously destroyed by the Indians, and which was a great place of resort for the Indians at that period.

That during this last 6 months tour he was not in any battle but that he often saw larger Companies of Indians of whose movements he always immediately gave intelligence to the nearest fort. That he fully served out his said tour of six months and was then discharged on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Oct 1779, that he was discharged by Capt. Newkirk without ever having received a written discharge after which on the same day he enlisted for during the war in the regular service of the U.S. at Mamma Catting in the company commanded by Captain Allsworth who was my Lieutenant in the 7 months tour herein first stated, that after this declarant had enlisted as herein stated that he was mustered into the service of the US of regulars at Mamma Catting on the first day of July 1779 (8)—That he was never marched into the service of U.S. as a regular in his last tour of duty out of the said County of Ulster, and that the reason of his not having been marched out of said County was because that peace had been concluded or the war was then considered as at an end, and his Captain Mr. Allsworth (9) discharged him, stating at the same that their services were no longer necessary.

That he and the other recruits enlisted by the s'd Allsworth had never served any regiment and were still permitted to remain at home until discharged by him as herein stated by meeting him once a week for the purpose of training—That he continued in the service as a regular as herein stated from the time of his enlistment to the last day of Oct 1779 making four months from the time of his enlistment till he was discharged. That he never received any discharge in writing from this last term of service that the said Captain Allsworth discharged all his recruits on the same day by the word of mouth without any written discharges after which he returned home. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Woodworth.

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1. Captain Nicholas Johnson; Col. VanHorne; Lieutenants, Houze Johnson and Allsworth; Major Benjamin Scooter, are unknown at this time. It is hard to know if he is mistaken about the names or that his memory is faulty as to the periods of service. It is possible that these officers were officers before the war since Daniel turned 16 in 1768 and would have been required to serve in the militia from that time on.
2. Daniel served in Captain William Cross' Company in Colonel Jonathan Hasbrouck's Fourth Regiment of Ulster County Militia. Robert Mould was the Ensign of this company. It is possible when he said Johnson he meant Jansen. In the Fourth Ulster there was a Captain Thomas Jansen Jr., and his First Lieutenant was Matthews Jansen. "Houze" could be for Hews which could be a nickname for Matthews. He also claims that the length of service was for seven months which is probably for his Levie service in 1781.
3. Jacob Roosa (Rose, Rosa, etc.) served as a sergeant in the Levie service with Daniel in 1781.
4. "Captain Drake" does not appear on the rolls of the Fourth Ulster; there are several Captain Drakes in the Westchester County Militia. The only Captain Drake found in the Ulster County Militia is Uriah Drake who was appointed Captain of the Newburgh Company of Associated Exempts in the Ulster County Militia, June 25, 1778.
5. John Newkirk was commissioned captain on March 23, 1778 in Colonel James McCloughrey's Second Regiment of Ulster County Militia. The First Lieutenant was Mathew Neely.
6. Moses Philips was commissioned Major on March 23, 1778 in the Second Ulster County Militia.
7. Allridge Rose and Mr. Hornbrook were not in the Second Ulster. Allridge Rose Couse possibly was Aldert Roosa who served as a Lieutenant in the Levies and Mr. Hornbrook was possibly Ensign Jacob Hornbeck who served in Colonel John Cantine's Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
8. Again Daniel has events mixed up. If he supposedly served for the same time period under Captain Newkirk in 1779 he couldn't have served under Captain Allsworth in 1779. Also there was no sign of peace on the horizon at this time.
9. Again this Allsworth, Aylesworth or Elsworth is unknown. A Peter Elsworth had served as a Captain-Lieutenant in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment until January 1, 1781. He was appointed captain on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York Sate Levies. Captain Elswroth was killed in an ambush on July 6, 1781.