

Pension Application for David Zeh

S.24.0330

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

On this thirteenth Day of July 1833, personally appeared before me Henry Shafer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Schoharie, David Zeh, a resident of the Town of Cobels Kill (Cobleskill) in said County of Schoharie, aged 77 years last October, 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.

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

That the said David Zeh, was in the year 1776 by the command of Col. Peter Vrooman of the Militia in Schoharie called into service in the company commanded by Captain George Richtmyer (1) under the command of Col. Vrooman with his Regiment marched to Albany, from thence up river to Fort Edward, to Lake George, served one month in that duty, that he was honorably discharged by Col. Vrooman and by his Capt. Richtmyer by word.

In the year 1777, that he the said David Zeh was called into the service again by the command of Col. Vrooman aforesaid in the company of Capt. Richtmyer, served three months in Schoharie and in Albany and in that vicinity. This service was at the time when Burgoyne was taken and that he helped to guard prisoners of the Burgoyne (2) men from Albany to Schoharie. And that after three months service that he was honorably discharged in Schoharie by his capt. by word.

In the year 1778, that he the said David Zeh, was called into the service again, by the command of Col. Vrooman in the company commanded by Capt. Richtmyer of the militia in Schoharie, served six months in the lower fort, middle fort and upper fort in Schoharie, and in that vicinity in Capt. Richtmyer's company. That at the expiration of the six months service, that he was honorably discharged in Middle Fort in Schoharie by his capt. by word.

In the year 1779 that he the said David Zeh, was by the command of Col. Vrooman called into service again in the company of Capt. Richtmyer, served six months in Middle Fort, Upper fort in Schoharie and at Cobel Kill and in that vicinity in the company of Capt. Richtmyer. That at the expiration of the six months service that he was honorably discharged in Middle Fort in Schoharie by his capt. by word.

In the year 1780, that he the said David Zeh, was by the command of Col. Vrooman called in the service again in the company of Capt. Richtmyer, served six months in Middle Fort and Upper Fort in Schoharie and also part of the time on the Mohawk River now the County of Montgomery, and in that vicinity, that at the expiration of the six months service, that he was honorably discharged in the Middle Fort in Schoharie, Capt Richtmyer by word.

In the year 1781 that he the said David Zeh, was by the command of Col. Vrooman called into the service again in the company commanded by Captain Christian Stubrack in Col. Vrooman's Regiment in Schoharie of the Militia. Served three months in said company of Capt. Stubrach's in the lower fort in Schoharie and in that vicinity that he was honorably discharged in the Lower Fort in Schoharie by Capt. Stubrack's by word.

In the year 1782, that he the said David Zeh, was by the command of Col. Vrooman called into the service again in the company of Capt. Stubrack (3) aforesaid that he served three months in said company in the Lower Fort in Schoharie and that vicinity, that at the expiration of his services that he was honorably discharged of all his services by Col. Peter Vrooman and his capt. in the Lower Fort in Schoharie by word.

The said David Zeh says on his oath, that all the aforesaid and services he has faithfully rendered in the American Revolutionary War in the service of his country and many other services which he can not recollect here. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not in the pension roll of the agency of any state of the United States.

The said David Zeh saith on his oath:

1. By information that he was born in Schoharie October 5th 1755.
2. That he has the record of his age in his possession, which was taken some time ago out of the record of St. Paul's Church in Schoharie.
3. That he lived in Schoharie when called into service, that after the revolution he moved to Cobles Kill, that he now lives in the Town of Cobles Kill (it is spelled differently here) in Schoharie County and has lived there ever since the revolution.
4. That he was called into the service by Col. Vrooman in Schoharie served in Capt. Richtmyer's Company and Capt. Stubrach's Company of the militia as he has stated in his declaration.
5. That John Lawyer (4) was First Lieut., Martinus Seley 2d Lieut., and John L. Bellinger, Ensign, in Capt. Richtmyer Company; Jacob Snyder as first Lieut, William Dietz (5) deceased was also an officer in Capt. Stubrach's Company, Capt. Christian Brown (6) now deceased was in the service with him in Revolution and Nicholas Warner also insing [Ensign] and others
6. That he was discharged by Col. Vrooman, and by his captain by word as he has stated in his declaration.
7. That Henrich Schafer Jr., Martin Shafer, Henry Mann, George Warner and Abraham Mann and others, are known and living in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution.

The said David Zeh says on his oath that he [is] unable to appear and attend in court on account of his bodily infirmity, namely that he is so much disabled with a decese [disease] of gravel stone, that when he travels within wagon or otherwise, that [?] of him stops then he gets so [?] weak in body and mind that his is unable to go and also other deceses [diseases] that he has no prospect that he will git well because he had five years this is the reason that he can not attend and appear in court. (Signed) David Zeh

Sworn and subscribed before me Henry Shafer a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schoharie.

Letter included in the pension folder dated November 5, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you state that instead of photostatic copies of papers in the claim for pension of David Zeh, you desire to have an abstract prepared as suggested to you in office letter of October 29, 1938.

The record of David Zeh follows as found in the pension claim cited above.

David Zeh was born October 5, 1755 in Schoharie; his age was recorded in St. Paul's Church in that town. The names of his parents are not stated.

While a resident of the Middle Fort in Schoharie, New York, he enlisted and served in the New York troops as follows: from sometime in 1776, marched to Albany, thence to Fort Edward, thence to Lake George where he served one month in Captain George Richtmyer's Company, Peter Vrooman's Regiment; enlisted in 1777, at the time Burgoyne was taken and

served three months in Capt. Richtmyer's company, Colonel Peter Vrooman's Regiment; from sometime in the spring of 1778, six months under the same officers; in 1779, six months under the same officers; in 1780, six months under the same officers; in 1781, he moved from the Middle Fort to the Lower Fort in Schoharie and in the spring of that year served three months in Captain Christian Stubrach's Company, Colonel Peter Vrooman's Regiment; in 1782, three months under the same officers.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 13, 1833 while a resident of Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, where he had lived ever since the Revolution.

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1. George Richtmyer was the captain of The Third Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British forces to Major General Horatio Gates on October 17, 1777.
3. Christian Stubrach was a captain in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
4. Johannes J. Lawyer as first lieutenant and Martinus Zielie as second lieutenant and Johannes L. Bellinger as ensign in Captain Richtmyer's Company.
5. Jacob Snyder as first lieutenant and Johannes Dietz as second lieutenant and Jacob W. Enders as ensign in Captain Stubrach's Company.

Christian Brown served as the captain of the Cobleskill company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment. Nicholas Warner was commissioned the ensign for this company on October 30, 1778.