

Pension Application for David Alden

W.5607 (Widow: Susannah) Married May 27, 1783. David died January 8, 1843.
State of Ohio
Geauga County SS.

On this Eleventh day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County and State aforesaid; aged Seventy four years, David Alden, a resident in Batavia in said County who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his said 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 Served as herein stated to wit.

He entered the service as a volunteer in the early part of August 1777 at Ashfield in the State of Massachusetts in Captain John Ellis' Company in Colonel Wells Regiment of Massachusetts Militia. General Fellows commanded the Brigade— Lieutenant Jennings belonged to Captain Ellis Company at the same time—

Marched to Bennington and carried on the 18th day of August 1777 two days after the battle. Marched to [?] Mills and was quartered about one week; marched from thence to Tipps Mills halted a short time at that place and proceeded down to Saratoga. Was quartered at Saratoga Barracks during the Battle at Stillwater, soon after ordered up to Fort Edward remained there about a week, moved down and was stationed on the East side of the River at the time General Burgoyne surrendered. The Company was dismissed next day by Col. Wells after five weeks service. During these evolutions he twice forded the Hudson River.

In June 1780 he was drafted for the term of six months to fill up the vacancies in the companies of Continental troops enlisted for the term of five years, and entered the Service at West Point in a company commanded by Lieutenant Kittle in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Jackson of Boston. General Stark commanded the Brigade Col. Ingel of Rhode Island and Col. Webb of Massachusetts were at West Point when he arrived. While there he saw a Captain of Artillery [?] for spiking some Cannon.

From West Point he marched with the Army into the State of New Jersey. Saw Andre executed at Orangetown. General Poor died while the Army was in that State. Afterwards crossed with the main Army to the White Plains and marched from thence to West Point—and was stationed there until discharged by Col. Jackson in Dec'r 1780.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his service.

That he resided at Ashfield in the State of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War. That he afterwards removed to Williamstown in Massachusetts and resided there a considerable length of time in June 1832. He removed to Batavia where he now resides,

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) David Alden

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. D. D. Aikin,
Clerk