

Pension Application for Benjamin Deuel or Duel or Dewel

W.8666 (Widow: Hannah Birch) Married September 1821. Benjamin died February 20, 1846.

State of New York

County of Wayne SS.

On this first day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting Benjamin Deuel a resident of Butler in the County of Wayne and State of New York, aged sixty eight 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; Colonel Morris Graham, Captain Charles Graham, Lieutenant Benanuel Deuel, Ensign Ely.

That he enlisted in the month of May 1776, for the term of six months, as a waiter to his Father Lieut. Benanuel Deuel, that he was discharged at Fort Montgomery in the month of November following. That he was mustered at Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County New York; that he marched to Fort Montgomery and was engaged in building the fort at that place.

That he again enlisted under Lieutenant Benanuel Deuel about the first of April 1780, and served as Gov Clinton's guard at Poughkeepsie for about two months, and was then attached to Captain Chamberlains company and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois, then stationed at West Point. That he marched from West Point to Stoney Point and from thence to Tappan bay on the west side of the river, at which place they built a breast work, and the Ship Victor came up the river and fired at them, from thence he march[ed] again to West Point, from West Point they went to Albany on board Sloops, with General Malcom's Brigade, from thence Captain Chamberlain's Company to which he belonged, marched to Schenectady, where they were joined by our Indians; from thence he marched to Fort Hunter, from thence to Fort Plain, and from thence to Stone Robbie. That at the time they were at Stone Robbie they had a skirmish with the Indians and were driven into the fort, at which skirmish Colonel Brown was killed. That after the battle a detachment from Gen. Scuyler's [Did he mean Colonel Willett?] Brigade came to their assistance and pursued the enemy to West Canada Creek, that he then returned to Poughkeepsie, where he was discharged, with the rest of the company about the first of November in the same year.

That from and after the expiration of his first term of service and before his last enlistment, he served as a minute man to guard the lines, and was frequently called out for a few days at a time to drive off what was called the cowboys.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

To the interrogatories put by the court he answers as follows:

1st That he was born in the town of Washington in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, the sixth day of January in the year 1764.

2nd That he has no record of his age and does not know that there is any.

3rd That he lived in the town of Washington (then called Nine Partners) during the War of the Revolution; that since the war he has lived in the county of Saratoga, Herkimer and Wayne in the State of New York.

4th That he volunteered his services at each time he entered the service.

5th That he does not recollect the names of any officers or Regiments except those above stated.

6th That he never received a written discharge at any time.

7th That Prentis Palmer, Morris Crow, and Israel J. Clapp of Butler can testify as to his character and their belief of his services.

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 of any state. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Deuel

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [John J. Cuyler Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.