

Pension Application for David G. [Grossett] Drake

S.23606 Inscribed on the Roll of New York at the rate of \$29.30 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this twelfth day of February in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas (A court of Record) in and for the said County of Orange, David G. Drake a resident for Goshen in the county and state aforesaid aged seventy three 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. That he first entered the service as a militia man as one of a class in a Company of Militia in the said Town of Goshen commanded by Captain John Jackson, in which company John McDouwall was Lieutenant. The Regiment was commanded by Col. Benjamin Tustin and during the whole of his service in the Revolutionary War either on class duty or an alarms he belonged to the same company & resided in the same place.

That his first tour of duty was in the winter of 1777 when his class was ordered to [Chester?] on or near the Hudson River now in the County of Rockland in the state aforesaid to guard against expected attacks of the British who then had possession of New York. This deponent can not recollect the Captain in command of his company at that place; he recollects that Alexander Wood was orderly Sergeant Col. Cooper commanded the Regiment.

There were no other troops there as Deponent recollects except militia. Deponent remained at that place on this tour for the period of six weeks, at which time he was relieved and returned to his home.

This deponent further says that he again entered the service on class duty as a guard on the Ramapo in the County of Rockland near the line of the State of New Jersey—

That he can not from the very nature of his service state positively the number of time he was there on such service, nor the length of time at each tour as he kept no memorana [memoranda] of dates & he was frequently and was called out at a moment's warning.

That he was at that place in service as one of such guard more or less during the whole war. That although he verily believes that he was actually in service at that place more than nine months during the above period he can swear positively and safely that he was there six months.

Deponent also says that he was once at Fort Montgomery on a tour of duty and remained there one week.

That he was also twice at West Point on duty & was engaged two weeks at each tour.

This deponent also further says that in the year and at the time the British went up the Hudson River this deponent was called out on an alarm & was ordered to New Windsor & from that marched up the Hudson to a place called Bank's Bridge in the County of Ulster twelve or fifteen miles from New Windsor at which place he was discharged and returned home having about one week on this tour.

This deponent was also ordered out on class duty at two different times previously to [Munderers?] Creek in the County of Orange aforesaid about two miles from New Windsor aforesaid and was out in service each time two weeks.

Deponent well recollects that there were Regular Continental troops at New Windsor but he can not recollect their number nor who commanded them.

Captain Jackson was his Captain and Colonel Justin Commanded his regiment. After performing the services before mentioned, this deponent was frequently ordered to the frontiers in Minisink & did turn out and perform duty in pursuance thereof on the said frontiers at Dewitt's fort, Peenpack, in [?] fort and Martinus Decker's fort a great number of times, to defend the inhabitants against the attacks of the Indians – It is utterly impossible for this deponent to state the number of time he was thus called out in service on the said frontiers, or the period he was out at each time and this want of particular in his statement is callused in a measure by the very nature by his service being often unexpectedly called upon on short tours of duty. But this deponent by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory & for the reason above mentioned is unable to give a more precise statement—although this deponent has no doubt but that he was in service on the frontiers at Minisink more than one year in addition to the other devices, performed by him and above stated; he can with safety swear that he was in such service at Minisink at least nine months Col. Tustin & Captain Jackson commanded there generally. John McDowell was his Lieutenant he was sometimes under Capt.

1st That he was born at Goshen in the County & of Orange in the year 1759.

2^d Has a record of his age at home.

3^d That he has never lived out of the town of Goshen aforesaid.

4th That he was ordered into service as a militia man, on class duty or on alarms.

5th Has no written discharge nor never received any.

6th That he is known to William Townsend and Charles B. Durland who reside in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) David G. Drake.

Subscribed & Sworn in open Court the 12th day of February 1833. Asa Dunning, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated, August 7, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to David G. Drake, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension S.23606, based upon the military service for David G. Drake in that war.

David G. Drake was born in Goshen, New York, in 1759, day, month, and names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Goshen, Orange County, New York, David G. Drake enlisted in the winter of 1777 and served at various times, eight months and twenty-four days in all, as private in Captains John Jackson's and David Swezy's Companies, Colonels Benjamin Tuston's and Cooper's New York Regiments.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 12, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Goshen, New York, where he had always lived.

There are no family data.