

Pension Application for Josiah Drake

S.10587

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

Personally appeared before me Abraham D. Soper First Judge of Ulster County Courts, Josiah Drake of the Town of New Paltz in said County to me personally known who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

1st In the first week in the month of August 1776 at New Paltz aforesaid he volunteered to serve for the term of five months in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Hasbrouck and Abraham Deyo was first lieutenant therein. Deponent was marched to the Hudson River and went on board of a sloop lying near Poughkeepsie, on board of which said sloop, he with the residue of said Company were transported to Fort Montgomery in the County of Orange and from thence to Groton River in the County of Westchester, from whence they marched by land to Kingsbridge, where they were engaged in keeping guard and erecting Fort Independence—near the latter part of said term said company marched from Kingsbridge to Fort Constitution where they lay until the expiration of said Term which was the first of January 1777 when this deponent with said Company was honorably discharged having served the said term of five months.—

Col Levi Paulding commanded the Regiment to which said company belonged and Genl Clinton the Brigade—Logan was adjutant—at Kingsbridge deponent recollects of seeing General Washington his army lay there, and at White Plains—he also recollects seeing Captain Moses Cantine, Captain Kortright and Captain Swartwout—

Deponent further says that John Eckert and Abraham Palmateer of said town of New Paltz served with him during said term of five months.

2d On or about the fifteenth day of May 1777 deponent was drafted to serve one month in guarding the Indian Frontier in the County of Ulster aforesaid, which said month he served under Captain John Schoonmaker in Col. Cantine's Regiment, and was stationed at John Brodhead at Lurenkill in the said County of Ulster.

3d In the month of October 1777 when Fort Montgomery was taken by the british and they were ascending the Hudson River deponent belonged to Captain Ransom's Company of Militia at New Paltz, aforesaid and was out in actual service guarding the shores of said river for eight days.—at the expiration of said eight days, said company marched from Kingston & Albany and thence to Stillwater in the County of Saratoga and continued there in actual service until after Burgoine's army had surrendered.—said company then took charge of four or five hundred british soldiers who were prisoners and brought them to Albany where they were delivered to the keeper of the Fort from thence said company returned home and deponent served therein at this time three weeks. Nathaniel Potter was Lieutenant in said company

and Col. Cantine commanded the Regiment.—deponent recollects Genl Gates who commanded the American Army.

4th In the months of June, August, and October in the year 1778 deponent was drafted from his class to serve one month at each of these several times, and actually served within said time all three months.—in guarding the Indian frontiers in the said County of Ulster the first month he was stationed at Shocan in said county and served under Captain Frederick Schoonmaker—the second month he lay at Wawarsing in said County and served under Captain Abraham Deyo—the third month he lay at Shandaken in said County and served under Lieutenant Nathaniel Potter—Col. Cantine commanded the troops on said frontier—deponent further says that in all of the above several services Abraham Palmater of said town of New Paltz was with him and does not know of any other person who can testify to his services excepting to the first above mentioned service of five months. He has no documentary evidence of any of said services.—

In answer to the interrogatories required to be put to applicants for a pension deponent says.—

1st He was born at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess, State of New York on the first day of July 1750 old [date?]

2^d He has no record of his age now in his possession.—

3^d He lived at the said Town of New Paltz when called into the above services, and has resided there ever since the Revolutionary War and now resides in said Town of New Paltz.

4th He entered into the first above mentioned service as a volunteer at the other times he entered into the above mentioned service as a drafted man.

5th He cannot recollect at this time any other officers nor circumstances, than as above set forth except Col. Asher.

6th He always received a verbal discharge at the expiration of the several terms of service above mentioned.

7th He is known to Wells Lake Esqr recently one of the Senators of this state and now one of the Judges of the said County of Ulster residing near this deponent in said town of New Paltz also Doctor Barnbas Benton who also resides near to this deponent, both of whom can certify to his character and their belief of his services.

And this deponent further says that by reason of old age and a lingering disorder upon him he is unable to attend any Court of Record in the said County of Ulster, neither has he been able to attend any such court within ten years last past, and never expects to be well enough to attend any such court not having been out to his neighbors for two years last past—said county are held at Kingston in said County of Ulster about twenty miles from the place of this deponent's residence.

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 agency of any State.
(Signed) Josiah Drake

Subscribed and Sworn to the 19th day of April 1833 before me. A.D. Soper First Judge of Ulster County Court.