

Pension Application for James Mandevill or Mandeville

S.13834

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester now sitting at the Court House in Bedford in said County James Mandeville a Resident of the Town of Cortlandt in the said County of Westchester 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 is to say in the latter part of the month of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six this declarant now residing at Peekskill in the said County of Westchester and having arrived to the age of sixteen years, this declarant was enrolled as a private in Cap'n Ebenezer Boyd's Company of Militia in Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment of Militia in said County—Which company of Militia were then called minute men.

That while this declarant was thus enrolled as a private in said Company of Militia this Declarant now recollects the following times when he was called out and did actual duty under arms as such private in said company of militia viz.

This deponent with a part of Cap'n Ebenezer Boyd's Company by Command of their said Col'l Samuel Drake, were ordered out and went under arms from Peekskill aforesaid to White Plains in said County, for the purpose of intercepting stores & provisions carrying in to the British in New York and this Declarant with his said Company were out on this expedition under arms in actual military service for one week. This service was sometime in November 1776.

That from the spring of the year 1777, to the fall of the same year this Declarant still residing at Peekskill aforesaid and being still a private in said Cap'n Boyd's Company of Militia (the most of which Colmpany of Militia resided in or near said Peekskill) was compelled to do duty mostly in the night time, and every other night as a Guard or partrole [patrol] to protect the American lines and stores in and about Peekskill and from thence to Crumpond a distance of seven miles, and on this year the Public Stores of the American Troops at Peekskill aforesaid were burnt by the British Troops and the Dwelling House and out buildings of this Declarant and his Brother John Mandeville at Peekskill aforesaid were burnt by the Britsssh [British] and this Declarant and his said Brother John Mandeville thereby sustained a loss of at least two thousand dollars.—

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of Memory this Declarant can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service as such private in said Cap'n Boyd's Company of Militia in the aforesaid year of 1777, but accordingly to the

best of this Declarant's recollection he served and did duty as a private in said Company of Militia during said year in actual Military Service under arms from the first of April 1777 to the 1st of November in said year on guard and patrol as aforesaid one half of that time being three months and a half. That from the full of the year 1777 to the commencement of the winter of 1783, this declarant continued to be enrolled and did duty as a private in said Capn Ebenerer's (Boyd's) Company of Militia in said County of Westchester in Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment of Militia on various occasion for short terms of time whenever his services were required or the situation of the country rendered it necessary.

That these occasions were very frequent but it is impossible for this Declarant now to recollect or state the precise time & place of each service or the extent thereof. That on the second day of February with the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three it was planned in the American Lines above Broton River in the said County Westchester to send down a party of American Troops to Morrisania in said County and surprise Col. James Delancey the Commander of the Refugee Corps at that place. That a party of Mounted men from the American Camp commanded by Capn Daniel Williams consisting of about thirty two men went down on that expedition, and this deponent on the day & year last aforesaid as one of said party. That this Declarant as a private in said party was mounted and armed and under the command of said Capn Williams who was a Capn in the American service—

That this Declarant with said party went down to Morrisania aforesaid and in the night following surprised Delancey quarters took several prisoners and returned back as far as the mouth of Croton River in said County of Westchester where said party were overtaken and surprised while discounted to obtain some refreshment by about seventy five British Refugee horsemen, and one of said Capn Williams's party by the name of George McChain killed and three wounded and fifteen of them taken prisoners of whom this Declarant was one.

That this Declarant being taken such prisoner as aforesaid by said Refugee horsemen was stripped by them of almost all his clothes and compelled to travel without any boots or shoes on his feet back on foot as such prisoner to New York where this Declarant continued a Prisoner to the British in the Provost on York Island and in the old City Hall at New York till the first day of May in the year of our Lord 1783 when this Declarant was discharged and returned home to Col. Samuel Drake's above Peekskill aforesaid.

That this Declarant remained such prisoner as aforesaid from the third day of February 1783 to the 1st of May in the same year being a period of near three months. That this Declarant has made diligent search and enquiring for witnesses who knew and served with him during the Revolutionary War, and the only persons now living who can testify to this Declarant services during said Revolution are Wm Dyckman, John Odell, Silvanus Tompkins and John Hyatt all of the said County of Westchester whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

That this declarant claims a pension for his seven days services as a private in Capn Ebenezer Boyd's company of Militia in said County in November 1776 as aforesaid.

Also for this Declarents three & a half months actual service under arms as a private on Guard & patrol as such private in said Company of Militia in the year 1777 as as [sic] aforesaid.

And for his three months imprisonment in New York being taken while in actual service as aforesaid from 2nd of February 1783 to the 1st of May in that year.

That this Declarent was born at Peekskill in said County of Westchester on the 24th day of July in the year 1760—

That this Declarent has no record of his age now in his possession but his family record is in the possession of his Daughter the wife of Pierre Mildey & which this declarant saw & examined within six months past.

That this Declarent was aged seventy two years on the 24th day of July last.

That this Declarant was living at Peekskill in said County of Westchester whenever he was called into service as aforesaid has lived there ever since & still resides in Peekskill aforesaid and has always lived there.

That this Declarent was called into service as aforesaid while he served in Cap'n Ebenezer Boyds Company of Militia as aforesaid by enrollment and command of his Cap'n as aforesaid, was never drafted nor was he a substitute for any person—but volunteered as one of Cap'n Daniel Williams party as aforesaid.

That the only Regular officers Continental or Militia Regiments he now recollects were Genl George Washington who quartered at this Declarents house for a short time – Genl Putnam, Coll Green, Col. Samuel Drake of the Militia Capn's Ebenezer Boyd, Col John Drake, Capn Daniel Williams & Col. Samuel Drakes Regiment of Militia.

That this Declarant never received any written discharge from the service neither had he ever any commission or written evidence of his service neither has he any now in his possession. That this declarent is known in his present neighbourhood to William Nelson & RC Austin in Esqrs both Residents of the aforesaid Town of Cortlandt who can testify from their acquaintance with him that they believe he is of the age he represents and That he is reported & believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a Revolutionary Soldier and that they concur in that admission. That there is not any clergyman living in this Declarents vicinity sufficiently acquainted with this Declarent to give such certificate.

And this Declarent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) James Mandevill

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid being the 29th of May 1833. A. Bayles, Clk of said Courts