

## **Pension Application for David Mosher**

S.28814

State of New York

County of Livingston SS

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Livingston County now sitting David Mosher a resident of the Town or Portage in the County of Allegany & State of New York aged seventy four years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War under the officers hereinafter named & & [sic] served as is hereinafter stated.

That he the said deponent lived during the Revolutionary War in the town of Cambridge in the then County of Albany now in the County of Washington & State of New York; that living as he did near the frontiers he was liable frequently to be called out into service & that he was actually during the year 1778 & every year after that time to the close of the war frequently called out to go on short expeditions to Fort Anne & Fort Edward & other places & that at such times he was in actual service from two to five or six weeks each time.

That he recollects particularly that in the month of September 1778 this deponent together with the company to which he belonged were called out on an alarm to go to the frontiers—the captain of the company was one Whitesides, & the deponent was a corporal in their company—the commander of the regiment was Col. VanWort:-- they then went to Fort Miller & remained from two to three weeks & were then discharged.

Afterwards during the same year the deponent with the said company was called out & went to Fort Edward where they remained four or five weeks at least; while there this deponent was sent as one of guard of a provision wagon to Fort Ann—one Major Chipman of the regular army commanded Fort Edward at this time.

In October of the year of the year 1779 the deponent was again called out & went to Palmertown, Major Austin or Asting was one of the officers in this expedition while at Palmerstown the troops lay in Garrison & frequently went on scouting expeditions & once this deponent – went to Saratoga. He remained there at least three or four weeks.

In the fall of the year the precise time the deponent does not recollect, he was drafted as a soldier & went under Capt. William Brown to Salem:--from that place he went to Pollett where the enemy was expected. One Col VanWort was then commander of the regiment the deponent was in actual service at this time three or four weeks.

Besides the services above particularly specified the deponent was frequently during each of the year 1778, 1779, 1780 & 1781 called out on alarms—and would be kept from two to four weeks each time.

The deponent further says that he is the same David Mosher who is mentioned in the affidavit of Jabez Mosher hereunto annexed.

The deponent further says that the time he was actually in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War is as nearly as he can now estimate the same, as follows; in the year 1778 at least two months; in the year 1779 at least two months & a half in the year 1780 at least two months; & in the year 1781 at least two months.

& that owing to the frequency of his being called out he cannot recollect accurately the precise number of times—he was so called out—nor the dates of such services—nor the precise length of the time he was actually engaged – but has no doubt that he served the full time above specified & believes that he served longer.

And I the said David Mosher to hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll the agency of any state.

In answer to the interrogatories of the Court the deponent answers.

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in [blank] Dutchess County on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1761.

2<sup>d</sup> I have no record of my age.

3 When I was called into service I lived in the town of Cambridge then in Albany County now Washington County:--I have lived in the same place until December last when I removed to Portage in the County Allegany my present place of residence.

4<sup>th</sup> I was drafted whenever I went into service except on alarms & sudden expeditions.

5<sup>h</sup> The names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served are Captain William Brown, Captain Whitesides, Col. VanWort, Major Austin, Major Chipman, Col. arner. The general circumstances of my service are as above stated.

6<sup>h</sup> I never received a written discharge from the service.

7<sup>h</sup> The names of some persons in my present neighbourhood to whom I am known & who can testify as to my character for veracity & good behaviour & services as a soldier of the revolution are William, G. Dake, William G. Wisner, and John Gifford. (Signed with his mark) David Mosher

Subscribed & sworn to this 26 day of May 1835. Wm. G. Deak, Wm. G Wisner, John Gifford.

In testimony whereof I have thereunto set my hand & seal of office this twenty sixth day of May in the year 1833. Elias Clark Clerk of Livingston County & of the Court of Common Pleas of said County.

Letter in folder dated February 24, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to David Mosher, Portage, New York, and Helen Mosher, Red Hock, Dutchess County, New York, both of whose names you cite from the Census of 1840, as pensioners.

The data furnished herewith in regard to David Mosher are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.28814, based upon his service in that war.

David Mosher was born April 26, 1761 in Dutchess County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Cambridge, Albany County (later Washington County), New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1778, served on various short tours on the frontier during the years 1779, 1780 and 1781, amounting in all about eight months, possibly longer, in the New York troops under Captains Whiteside, William Brown, Majors Chipman and Austen (possibly meant for Ashton), and Colonels VanWoert and Warner; one tour he rendered service as corporal, the others as private; during this time he was on expeditions to Fort Edward, Fort Ann, Fort George and to Palmetown and Saratoga Springs.

The soldier resided in the Town of Cambridge, New York, until December 1834, when he moved to Portage, Allegany County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 26, 1835, at which time he resided in Portage, New York; his application for pension was executed in Livingston County, New York. The soldier resided in said Portage, New York, in 1839.

Jabez Mosher, the soldier's brother, resided in Aurora, Erie County, New York, on September 29, 1838; he gave his age then as seventy-nine years, six months and ten days. He stated that he served with his brother, David, on different tours during the Revolutionary War.

In 1838, William G. Deak was a resident of Portage, Allegany County, New York, having lived in Cambridge, New York, during the Revolution where he was a neighbor of David Mosher. Said William D. Deak was born March 7, 1761 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island; he stated that while serving a tour of duty with David Mosher, his sister married Jabez Mosher, but he did not give her name.

It is onto stated that David Mosher was married and there are no further family data in the papers on file in this pension claim.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office fails to show a claim for pension on file by Helen Mosher on account of the service of a soldier with that surname.

Not all names found on the Census of 1840, are United States pensioner.