

Pension Application for Daniel Murray

R.7519 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Allegany County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of August in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Azel Fitch Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Allegany Daniel Murray a resident of the town of Pike in the county of Allegany and State of New York aged eighty 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 stated. That in the latter part of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he enlisted into a company of Minute Men or Malitia [Militia] raised (as he then understood) in conformity to a recommendations from Congress that certain towns should each raise a company in order to disarm and suppress the Tories that the said company was commanded by Captain Josiah Warner and was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Whiting that Asa Waterman was the Lieutenant Colonel and Philip Frisbee the Major of the said Regiment that the said Company was raised in the town of New Canaan in the County of Albany and State aforesaid that he resided at that time and joined the said company in the said town of New Canaan that he enlisted for the term of nine months and was discharged at New Canaan aforesaid in the latter part of December in the year last aforesaid having served during the whole term of nine months the said period of his enlistment.

That for some time after the said company was organized they were employed within the said town of New Canaan in apprehending and disarming Tories that in the month of July in the year last aforesaid the said company went to New Brittain in the same county and spent a few days there in apprehending and disarming Tories and after their return from New Brittain they were stationed for the remainder of the summer in a temporary guard house in the said town of New Canaan for the purpose of suppressing the Tories and apprehending suspected persons passing through the said town to Massachusetts that in the month of September in the same year the Regiment to which the said company belonged marched to Kinderhook and were there two day sand on the return of the Regiment from Kinderhook the said company remained there station at the Guard House above mentioned and continued stationed there until he was discharged.

That in the fore part of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven the said Regiment was ordered to Fort George that he joined a company in the said regiment under the command of Captain Cady and marched to Fort George that on the arrival of the said Regiment at Fort George they found the army under the command of General Schuyler, prepared to evacuate the Fort which they did and blew up the magazine within a few hours after the said Regiment arrived (General Burgoine with the British Army were then at Ticonderoga) the Army then retreated to Fort

Edward and lay at Fort Edward about a fortnight when one half of the Malitia were discharged and us to his discharge.

That he was born in the town of New Millford [Milford] in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut the twenty second of July in the year seventeen hundred and fifty two that he has no any record of his age he had one until within a few years past when it was lost that on or soon after his return from Fort Edward he removed to Montgomery County in the said State where he resided about Sixteen years that he resided in the County of Herkimer in the said State about sixteen years that he resided in the County of Herkimer in the said State about seventeen years and that he has resided in the said County of Allegany for about the last twenty years and until the present time that he was acquainted with Benjamin Bristol at the time he was in the service.

That he received a regular discharge signed by Captain Josiah Worner from the said first period of service and for the last mentioned service he did not receive a discharge. That he has lost his discharge.

He refers to John Bostwich Anson Hinman and Benjamin Bristol to certify as to his character for truth and as to their belief of his being a soldier –

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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Murray

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Azel Fitch