

Pension Application for David Perry

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State of New York

County of orange SS.

On this fourth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of Orange County aforesaid now sitting; David Perry a resident of the town Newburgh in the said county of orange, aged 85 years, who being 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

At the house of Mort Wygant innkeeper in the village of Newburgh, then in Ulster (now in Orange) County in the State aforesaid sometime in the month of May in the year 1780, he said deponent enlisted for four months as a private in one of the New York regiments of infantry, the number of which he does not now remember, the names of the regimental officers of the said regiment with the places of their residence respectively as far as now remembered by him said deponent, were Lewis Dubois, of the County of Dutchess, in the State aforesaid, Colonel Hughes (his Christian name not now remembered) of the City of New York, Major: Hugh McDonnelly adjutant: And the names of his company officers with the places of their residence respectively were, Thomas Burnet of Little Britain then Ulster (now Orange) county aforesaid Captain Cantine (Christian name not remembered) of Kingston in Ulster County aforesaid Lieutenant & John McBride of Fishkill in the county of Dutchess Ensign. The said deponent was at the time of his enlistment aforesaid, a resident of Newburgh aforesaid.

Said deponent immediately after his said enlistment wen to Fishkill village in the said County of Dutchess, in service with his said Regiment which was stationed there with two other New York regiments one of which was commanded by Colo Malcolm and the other by Colo Payne. Here the said deponent served 4 weeks, with his said Regiment and the other two said Regiments. He then went with the three regiments aforesaid, from Fishkill village taking with them the prisoner they had in charge, to West Point.

The said deponent remembers that one McDougal had command at West Point, when they arrived there, what his rank was said deponent does not now remember, that McDougal left West Point upon deponent's arrival with the three regiments aforesaid for Ramapo. That he said deponent lay with his regiment three weeks or thereabouts at West Point Colo Malcolm, Payne & Dubois were there during that time.

Thence he said deponent went to Ramapo with his regiment & Colo Malcolm & Payne's regiments by the way of Stony Point and Dobb's ferry. Three sloops carried them from West Point to Stony Point.

Thence they marched to Dobb's ferry the same day and encamped on the hill, while there encamped two row gallies filled with British troops attempted a landing

and were driven back. Next day said deponent marched with said Regiments to Ramapo, where they joined the main army, under Genl Washington, Greene, and Wayne, Generals were then at Ramapo also. Said deponent was there 8 or 9 days when Colo Dubois, Malcolm & Payne were ordered with their regiments by Genl Washington by the way of Dobb's ferry, Stoney Point and thence in sloops up Hudson's river back to West Point to strengthen that post. Said deponent returned in this regiment with the others two regiments aforesaid and when opposite West Point Genl Benedict Arnold who was then there, sent them orders not to land with threats if they attempted to do so, he would level the cannon upon them.

Said deponent passed West Point with said three regiments, which landed at Fishkill Landing in said county of Dutchess and encamped, Colo Dubois that night went to Poughkeepsie in said county of Dutchess to see Gov. George Clinton who returned next day with him to Fishkill landing aforesaid where said three regiments were encamped, and ordered them in sloops up to Albany there to remain till further orders. Said deponent went with said regiment to Albany & shortly afterward Gov Clinton came there and ordered all thereof said regiments to Schenectady.

Said deponent staid at Schenectady with said regiments a short time and while there was engaged [in] building block houses. Colo Dubois with the whole of his regiment and Colo Malcolm with a part of his were thence ordered to fort Plain on the Mohawk river by the way of Fort Hunter; said deponent went along & while at Fort Plain the Indians and British commanded by Brant, Butler & Sir William Johnson surrounded Colo Dubois and Malcolm's troops while engaged repairing it.

Said deponent with Colo Dubois & Malcolm quit fort Plain and was under them engaged in skirmishes with the British & Indians at Canajoharie and Schoharie afterwards returned with them to Fort Plain. The next day under Colo Dubois and Malcolm crossed to the north side of the Mohawk river, and was in a battle with the British & Indians about 2 miles from Stone Arabia during which battle Genl James Clinton & Genl VanRensalaer with about 1500 troops joined them, routed the British & Indians and followed them across the Mohawk river below Fort Herkimer to Otsego. Said deponent returned from Otsego to Fort Herkimer, till which time from the time of his enlistment he was constantly in service in Colo Dubois' Regiment aforesaid.

At this time Colo Paulding was at fort Herkimer with authority from Gov Clinton to select men out of Colo Dubois' Regt to take with him to Fort Stanwix to join the 9 months men.

Said deponent was the only man selected out of Capt'n Thomas Burnet's company on account of his being a good fulyesman. Deponent went with Colo Paulding to fort Stanwix and staid there till sometime in September in the year 1780 under his command, when part of Colo Lamb's artillery with somother troops came to Fort Stanwix. Deponent then marched with the troops under the command of Colo Paulding from fort Stanwix to Albany where he was honorably discharged with three day's provisions. The discharge which he received here was a written one but he has long since lost it.

The said deponent from Albany returned to New burgh aforesaid and being a resident thereof in the spring of the year 1781, volunteered as a private in Capt'n Colo Hardenburgh's Regt of New York militia, which went from Newburgh aforesaid in sloops to Fort Montgomery; the regt there landed and he marched with it to Dunderburg, and was there encamped with it in huts eight or nine days on the hillside opposite to Peekskill watching the movements of the British who lay in camp below Peekskill; that upon the British forces being withdrawn towards New York Colo Hardenburgeh marched his regiment back to fort Montgomery and there he said deponent was verbally dismissed with the regiment by Colo Hardenburgh.

In the autumn of the same year said deponent being a resident of Pleasant Valley in the County of Ulster and state aforesaid became a substitute for one Hugh Stephenson of Newburgh aforesaid in a company of New York Militia commanded by Capt. Concklin and went to Mombacus and Neponagh in said county of Ulster to protect the frontiers against the Indians, was out in this service 2 or 3 weeks and was verbally dismissed.

In the spring or summer of year 1782 said deponent being a resident of Newburgh aforesaid became a substitute for Jeremiah Howel of the same place in a body of New York Militia, does not remember by what officer commanded; went to Mombacus and Neponagh aforesaid to guard the frontier settlements from the ravages of the Indians; was out at this time 2 or 3 weeks. Said deponent was born in the city of Chester, England, on the 4 June 1747 was baptized in St. Mary's Church in said city where there is a record of his birth of which he said deponent once documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person living who can testify to his service. And 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) David Perry

Subscribed & sworn the 4th day of September 1832. Asa Denning, Clerk