

Pension Application for Daniel Topping

S.42504

State of New York

Lewis County SS.

On this second day of January 1821 personally appeared in open court, to wit, in the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Town of Martinsburgh in the County of Lewis, the same being a Court of Record in and for the said County proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a Record of its proceedings and possessing a Seal, Daniel Topping aged Seventy eight years, resident in Leyden in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: From the latter part of the year 1776 or beginning of the year 1777 as a private in a company commanded by Captain John Davis in Col. Henry B. Livingston's Regiment of Infantry, in the New York line, during the term of three years, after which he served until the end of the war in Capt. Benjamin Walkers Company of Infantry, in Col. Philip VanCortlandts Regiment, New York line.

That the date of his original Declaration is on the 23rd day of April 1818, and the number of his Pension Certificate is 13, 179.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", passed on the 18th day of March 1818. And I have not nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

And I do swear that my occupation is Farming that in consequence of being very feeble and having nearly lost my sight I am unable to pursue any occupation and am unable to perform but little labor of any kind.

I owe William Topping for the sum of Twenty five Dollars and have some small debts due to me. (Signed) Daniel Topping.

Sworn to and declared on the 3rd day of Jan 1821 before me in Court. John Safford, Clerk.

Schedule of the whole estate and income of Daniel Topping. (his necessary clothing and bedding excepted.)

20 acres of Land, 8 acres of which are under improvement, bodily fenced. One small dwelling house, old, and much out of repair \$100. One Barn 26 by 30 feet \$25. One cow \$10. Old Saddle \$1.00, 3 swine (small) \$1.00, 1 old axe 25 cts, 1 shovel, 75 cts, 1 Pitchfork 25 cts, 1 barrel pork \$6.00, 1 old clock without a case \$1.00, 4 pail, Iron kettle (crack'd) \$1.00 1 small kettle \$0.50, 3 old chests 75 cts, 3 old chairs 56 cts, 1 candle stand 25 cts, 2 old tables \$1.00, 6 tin cups & saucers 19 cts, 3 Tumblers 25 cts, 5 pewter plates 34 cts, 2 platters 30 cts, 4 Earthen Plates 25 cts, 2 small pewter

Basins 18 cts, 1 small tin pail 25, 1 fire shovel & tongs 41.00 1 Pair Fire Dogs \$1.00, 6 milk Pans \$1.00 4 knives and forks 25 cts, 1 earthen tea pot 12 cts, 1 reel 12 cts, 2 old spinning wheels \$1.00, on lantern (tin) 10 cts 1 Razor & Shaving Box 25 cts, 1 Bible 30 Cts. Total \$156.21. (Signed) Daniel Topping.

Letter in folder dated January 7, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information relative to Daniel Topping who served in the Revolutionary War and died in 1830.

You are furnished below the history of the only soldier named Daniel Topping, under any spelling, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.42504, based upon his services in the Revolution.

The date and place of this soldier's birth and names of his parents are not given.

Daniel Topping, after serving two tours of six months each, no details given, enlisted in the latter part of 1776 or early in 1777, served as private in Captain John Davis' company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's 4th New York Regiment for three years and was at the surrender of Burgoyne and in the battle of Monmouth, after which, he served as sergeant in Captain Benjamin Walker's company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment, was at the surrender of general Cornwallis and was discharged June 7, 1783.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed April 23, 1818, at which time he was aged seventy-five years and a resident of Lyden, Lewis County, New York, and was still living there in 1821. Prior to his residence there he had lived in Southampton, Suffolk County, same state.

In 1819, one Silas Stow, First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Lewis County, New York, stated that the family of the soldier, Daniel Topping, resided for some months during the Revolution at the house of his (Stow's) father, whose name he did not give, nor did he give any names of soldier's family or state any relationship between the two families.

In 1819, on William Topping, aged fifty-four years, made affidavit in Lewis County, New York, in behalf of the soldier, Daniel Topping, and in 1821 the soldier referred to one William Topping, Junior, but no relationship was shown between any of them.