

## **Pension Application for David Webb**

S.14803

Otsego Common Pleas of October Term 1832.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the [crossed out Honorable Robert Morrell Esquire Circuit Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit] in the state of New York the said Court, now sitting in Cooperstown in and for the County aforesaid David Webb a resident of the town and country of Otsego aged seventy three years on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December last past, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

On the first of June 1777 he volunteered at Salem Washington County New York in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Edward Long in Col. John Williams Regiment of New York militia. The next day after he volunteered he marched with said Regiment to Ticonderoga, at the time they arrived at Ticonderoga the British forces were on board the fleet on Lake Champlain anchored off the Fort and were landing their artillery and taking it up Mount Defiance preparatory to an attack upon the Fort, a few days after their arrival the Fort was evacuated by order of General Schuyler or General St. Clair as he understood at the time, does not distinctly recollect which he thinks it was Genl Schuyler don't recollect of seeing Genl St. Clair then, after the evacuation of the Fort he retreated with the troops to Saratoga at which plan and in the neighborhood of the same he remained in the service till after the Surrender of Genl Burgoyne on the 17<sup>th</sup> October in the year – when he was discharged and returned to his home in Salem Washington County he took no written discharge from his officers at the time of leaving the army. The militia were all discharged by parol. [parole]

Between October 1777 and May 1778 he was several times called out with the militia to resist the attacks and restrain the depredations of the Indians and tories the precise number of time he was called out and the number of days he was devoted to this service he cannot possibly recollect, but has no doubt of being out at least forty days in the whole, Salem the place of his residence was near the frontier and almost constantly [?] and harassed by the tories and Indians.

On or about the first of May 1778 he enlisted at Salem in Washington County N.Y. under Capt. John Barnes in Col Warners Regiment of Vermont rangers for eight months, he joined the company and Regiment the day after he enlisted and marched first according to his best recollection to Fort Edward on the Hudson River, he continued in this service eight months according to the terms of his enlistment when he was discharged by parol. During these eight months he was stationed alternately

at Fort Edward, Fort Miller, Fort Ann, White Hall, and Kingsbury and Fort George as the presence of the forces were most needed at these several places.

In the month of January he returned home to Salem. During the year 1779 he was frequently called out with the militia upon alarms to resist the incursions of the Indians and tories was out in all during this year in such service at least forty days. He recollects that these predatory parties were generally headed by one Pettis a tory who was afterwards taken at Ballston and tried and executed at Albany as he understood and believes.

In Oct 1777 he was in three engagements at Saratoga with the british & Hessian troops. He recollects of assisting in taking from the british an old French Fort of Breastwork situate on the West side of the Hudson near the mouth of Fish Creek and not far from the residence of Genl Schuyler.

He recollects General Gates, General Arnold, General Schuyler &c.

He was born in New Rutland in the State of Massachusetts, in December 1758 when at the age of six years his parents removed to Salem Washington County New York where they resided and he with them when he entered the service as above stated.

He has a record of his age in his bible at his house in Otsego.

He lived in Salem till about thirty years ago when he removed into the County of Otsego in which county he still continued to reside.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to it, the affidavit of Polly Nivins hereunto annexed excepted.

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 Webb.

Sworn the day & year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk