

SERVICE

New York

Drew, William

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William Drew
Corporal in

Captain Drake's company of the New York Militia.

Ratio of disability,

Date of discharge,

Inscribed on the roll of New York

at 3 dollars per month, in commencing on
and increased to \$4.80 by law 24th
April 1816.

Normal
Certificate of pension issued the 8th of April
and sent to Tom Ovington Esq
New York.

Arrears to 4th

Semi-ann. all'ce ending

Bank of New York

Law 7 June 1785

Increased to \$5.33 1/2 per month
on the 30th January 1828, commencing
25 January 1828, and new
certificate issued and sent to
pensioner, Carmel, N. Y.

13th Vide letter to Pensioner Oct. 29, 1829
do. to B. T. G. Mather 29 March 1831

State of New York. District
County Common Pleas. } p. On the 7th day of February
in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court
before the Judges of the said court now sitting, William Drew
a resident of the town of Carmel in the county of Putnam
and State of New York aged seventy seven years, who being first
duly sworn according to law, with an oath makes the fol-
lowing declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of
Congress passed June 7th 1832, That early in the year of 1776 &
he thinks in the month of February, he enlisted as a private sol-
dier for three months in a company commanded by Captain
Comfort Ludington, he enlisted at the house now occupied by Mr.
Charles Bloomer in the town of Hunt in Putnam County but then
in Dutchess County, the deponent ran away from his father to en-
ter the service & actually enlisted before his father knew it but
his father came to the place where he enlisted within an hour
after he had entered himself to the army by his enlistment, the
same day of his enlistment he with the company started for
New York & continued the march from day to day until they
arrived in the city and whilst in this service the time was em-
ployed in erecting & repairing fortification in & near the city, the
whole period of three months was employed in such services
That this deponent as soon as his term of three months had
expired he returned to his fathers residence in what is now Hunt
in Putnam County but then Dutchess County & very soon within
two or three weeks after he had so returned & about the first of June 1776
he again enlisted under the same Capt. Comfort Ludington for a
term of nine months, that the company including this deponent
immediately marched for N. York & proceeded as far as Kings bridge
where they encamped & there were employed in building fort Mif-
fins; that during the period that the regiment to which was
attached lay at Kings Bridge, Gen. Scott with seven hundred
of which number this deponent was one went to Morrisania to
watch the movements of the enemy who were on Long Island but
in sight of deponent remained five days at Morrisania

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and during this period this detachment got out of pro-
visions & this deponent with others were ordered to King's Bridge
to get a supply of provisions, went on foot to King's Bridge
& there got a boat & provisions & when on their return with
provisions two vessels of war belonging to the Britons were
so situated as to prevent if they chose our passage we kept
along close under the shore, covered up the provisions with
our great coats, proceeded slowly along, when opposite the
British vessels we were hailed & asked what we were doing
we replied that we were looking for oysters, & with this
excuse we were permitted to continue on our way & got
with the provisions to the place where we intended to carry
them for the detachment under Gen. Scott, within two or three
hours after the provisions were delivered Gen. Scott ordered the
deponent to the bank of the river to watch the operations of
the enemy, those who accompanied the deponent were stopped by
him in the bushes a few rods from the river, whilst deponent
went to the mouth of the river & whilst there a shot from
the opposite shore, intended for the deponent struck a sheet
of paper about two feet from the spot from which he stood.
That day or the next, the enemy landed from their shipping & came
near surrounding the detachment & to avoid this difficulty they
marched in the night under the guidance of Peter Bell, who
conducted them ^{through} the woods, until they met the army near White
plains, where the deponent was returned to his company under
the command of said Comfort Ludington. The deponent had
not just arrived at White plains when the American troops
came in view by the British & the battle at that place
was immediately followed in which the deponent participated
after the battle of White plains deponent marched through
North Castle to Dutch Hill, & there commenced building a fort
on the high ground, that whilst engaged in this service he had an
injury done to one of his eyes, which terminated in its total loss of
vision as soon as he recovered from the injury to his eye so as to be

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able to attend to duty, he was employed in obstructing the navigation of the north river so as to prevent the enemy from passing up with their vessels, this was done by felling logs of large width stone, & continued in this service until the expiration of his term of service, which was in the winter

This deponent further says that afterwards he thinks in the latter part of the summer in the year 1777, he again enlisted, for a term of three months service in the military service of this country into a company commanded by Capt. Elijah Tarson, in Col. Henry Livingston's Regiment, this service was performed on the lines in the southern part of Westchester county, & after the expiration of the said three months, the company to which the deponent was attached, was marched to Oranston, in said County & there discharged, having fully performed his term of duty for which he had enlisted

That late in the fall of the year 1777 the deponent again enlisted into the service under Captain John Hyatt, in Col. James Hammond's Regiment for one month & performed that service on the lines in Westchester county

That early in the year 1778, & the deponent thinks it was in the month of March he enlisted as a soldier in the military service of his country for the term of one year in a company commanded by Capt. John Drake, in Col. Morris Graham's Regiment, this deponent enlisted into this company as a corporal & performed his duty as such, this service was performed on the lines moving from place to place in the latter part of Westchester county, that during this service he was wounded in the ^{left} leg at a place called Miller's Square in said Westchester County, in consequence of that wound he is now on the list of maimed persons, he performed the whole of this enlistment until he was wounded when he was taken home & was ^{not} able to walk for nearly a year, the cords of his leg having ^{not} been severed by the wound

This deponent further says that he served in several alarms, which were very frequent, & when he was not in the regular service he was often on duty, he was absent from home on duty as a soldier, in an alarm when the town of Danbury was burned. I pursued the British until they arrived near to the sound, on another occasion all of the regiment of militia of Col. Ludington were called out & marched to Feshkill, from thence to Peckskill & were there discharged.

That on another occasion when the British were coming up the river all the militia who were in the vicinity were called upon to go to Peckskill, to protect the property & repel the enemy, this deponent was in this alarm.

That on another occasion he was out searching for Tories who were said to be in Peckskill hollow, and indeed this deponent was on very occasions when his services were wanted ready & willing & actually did perform all the services which were required of him, he kept no account of the time spent in these alarms, but is confident that it cannot be less than one month.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity for revolutionary services, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, only as an Invalid pensioner on the agency of the State of New York.

This deponent was born in the year of our Lord, 1755 in Westchester County, in a place now called Yorkstown, & he has a record of his age in the family bible at his residence in Carmel in Putnam County, that he was living at all times, when he enlisted into the military service of the country in what is now called the town of Kent in Putnam County, that since the revolution he has resided in what is now called the town of Carmel in Putnam County, that

on all occasions when he went into the service, he enlisted voluntarily.

That in the year 1776 when in the service in New York for three months in Capt. Livingston's company, the deponent cannot now recollect the officers except his captain, Lieutenants, Elijah Oakley, John Bradley & Joseph Asahel Berry, In the course of nine months commencing in 1776 he knew, Colonel Sweetheart General Scott, after retreating to White Plains he knew Gen Washington General Gates was also there after the taking of Burgoyne, Major Matt was the major over the deponent, Isaac Parsons and John Monro were the two Lieutenants in the company to which the deponent belonged for the service of nine months

In 1777, when deponent served in Capt. Elyah Parsons's company he knew Col. Henry Livingston to whose regiment the company belonged, the Lieutenants of the company were John Berry and Elyah Fuller, He knew, Col. James Hammond, Capt. John Hyatt, Lieutenant, Smith Hudson

In 1778, he knew Col. Morris Graham, Capt. John Drake, Smith Hudson & Daniel Delavan were Lieutenants, David Hunt was adjutant, Gen James Clinton had the command of the brigade, he knew Gen Philip Van Cortland

He never received any written discharge, from the service He never rec^d a commission, nor a warrant although served as a Sergeant and also as a Corporal at different times

sworn & subscribed in open Court

February 7, 1833

Mordecai Clark of Court

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WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sr.

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes you will readily perceive that objections exist which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of William Druce

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field-officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of birth when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
1776 Mo of Feb	3			Private	Capt. Ludington	77 years	
June				Private	do		
1777 Battle of Red Bank	3			Suff	Col. Ludington Capt. Edward Thomas		
1777 Fall of Sumner	1			"	Capt. Hyatt do		
1778 March	2			Capt	Druckler Co. + 100 days 178 wounded		
Nov 18th 1778					Mission, Germantown	3 mos 17 days	
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I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

+ Capt. Thomas was in Col. Spotswood's

Regiment at the battle of Red Bank

+ 3 mos 17 days on Capt. Druckler's Company Pay roll

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
 for a statement of the military history of William Drew
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau. S. File 23,204

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
July 76	3 mos.	Priv.	Comfort Riddington		N.Y.
Jan. 176	9 mos.	1 st Sgt.	" "	Swanton	
Aug. 77	3 mos.	Priv.	Elijah Townsend	Henry Rudenton	
Sept. 77	1 mo.	1 st Sgt.	John Hyatt	James Hamman	
Apr. 1, 78	1 mo.	1 st Sgt.	John Drake	Morris Graham	

*continued until July 26, 1778 when he was accidentally wounded in the left leg at
 Mile Square, Middlebury Co., N.Y. He was pensioned for said disability.*

Battles engaged in, White Plains.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Kent Dutchess Co., N.Y.

Date of application for ^{service} pension, Feb. 7, 1833. This claim was also allowed.

Residence at date of application, Carmel, Putnam Co., N.Y.

Age at date of application, born May 27, 1755 about one afternoon's journey

Remarks: Westchester Co., N.Y.

1835 ed. by Jesse Drew ^{at 78} of Southcast, N.Y. testified.