

**Samuel Dey, Pvt.**

Dey, Pvt. Samuel

VA. S. 6,782

State of Virginia

Greenbrier County: ss

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful the county court of Greenbrier, now sitting, **Samuel Dey**, a resident of the county Greenbrier, and state of Virginia, aged eighty eight 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 7, 1832.

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

He entered the service in the year 1779, as well as he can recollect as a substitute for a certain **Anthony Johnston** who was a drafted militiaman from the county of Augusta and state of Virginia where both the said Johnson and this affiant then resided. He had accompanied a certain **Major Wilson** with pack horses to the Ohio River, when he engaged to become a substitute of Johnson. On entering the service he was placed under the command of a certain **Capt. Finley** whose Christian name as well as this affiant can now recollect was **James**. The great body of troops assembled at this point (about 10 miles below Pittsburg was under the command of **Genl. McIntosh**, who marched the army thence to the head of the Muskingum River. At this latter place the army encamped [*the army then began to build Fort Laurens*] and having remained there about three weeks, they were marched back to Fort McIntosh. At Fort McIntosh the army was discharged. On the dismissal of the troops this affiant applied to his Captain for a discharge but he was put off, and was deferred until it was finally neglected. This affiant entered on this campaign early in the month of September and he was dismissed or discharged about the latter part of the month of December which would make the whole period of his service between three and four months.

He again entered the service on the first day of January in the year 1781, (as this affiant believes for his memory is much impaired by age and under the command of **Capt John McCreary**, as a draft from the county of Augusta, his company belonged to a regiment commanded by **Col. Sampson Mathews**, by whom they were marched to Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia. Here they remained until the month of April when they were discharged. As soon as discharged this affiant set out on his return to his home in Augusta County which he reached on the last of April. He received no written discharge.

He was drafted again and entered the service the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June in the year 1781, under the command of Capt. John McCreary and Col. Sampson Mathews, by whom they were marched to James Town. They then had an engagement with the enemy. This service lasted “twenty days,” as it was called although this affiant was gone upon it near of quite two months. He received no written discharge.

He was born in Monmouth County East New Jersey about the middle of January in the year 1744. He has no record of his age. He was living in the county of Augusta and State of Virginia when called into service on the Cow Pasture River. Thence he moved to the Bull Pasture where he continued until his move to the County of Greenbrier where he at present resides. He does not certainly recollect the names of any regular officers with whom he served except that of **Col Ferguson** who this affiant believes was in the McIntosh campaign. **James Gregory** a surviving witness will testify to the material facts herein stated. 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.

Sworn to, and subscribed, this day and year aforesaid.

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Samuel X Dey

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We, **John McElhenny**, a clergyman, **Samuel McVey** and **Joseph Newton**, residing in the county of Greenbrier, hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with Samuel Dey who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be eighty eight years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed this day and year

Samuel McVey

aforesaid

Joseph Newton

John McElhenny

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department, that the above applicant was a revolutionary war soldier, and served his state; and the court further certifies that it appears to them that John McElhenny who has signed the foregoing certificate is a clergyman, that Samuel McVey and Joseph Newton who have signed the preceding certificate an resident in the county of Greenbrier are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, John Mathews, Clerk of the Court of Greenbrier County, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Samuel Dey for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 29th day of August 1832.

Personally appeared in court the day and year last aforesaid **James Gregory** who made oath to the following facts. That he knew when that above mentioned Samuel Dey who is an applicant for pension set out on the expedition under McIntosh. That also when he returned from the same. That he also recollects when the said Dey marched first under McCreary & Mathews. And when he returned he also recollects when the said Dey set out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> expedition (that to James Town) under the said McCreary and Mathews, and when he returned, he this affiant resided during all of this time in the same neighborhood with the said Samuel Dey and believes the facts to be truly stated in his aforesaid which this affiant has heard read.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court

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James X Gregory

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*Pvt. Samuel Dey of the Augusta County, VA militia was born in January 1744 in Monmouth County, East New Jersey. He died in 1835 in Greenbriar, VA. He was inscribed on the Roll of Virginia, VA. No. 12828, at the rate of \$30 per year which commenced on 4 March 1831. He was issued a federal certificate of pension, No. S. 6,782, on 30 May 1833 in the amount of \$60 and another allowance payment of \$15 that ended on 4 September 1833.*

*Dey's pension application was transcribed by Fisher, Scott, Friends of Fort Laurens Foundation on 16 March 2010.*

*Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files.* NARA. 16 March 2010.  
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