

Pension Application for Augustine Curtis or Lodema or Lodeme Curtiss

W.18988

B.L.Wt.26534-160-55

State of Connecticut

Litchfield County SS.

Probate Court, District of Kent. SS. At Kent.

On this 6th day of August AD 1832 personally appeared before Nathaniel P. Perry Esquire Judge of the Court of the Probate for the District of Kent aforesaid, holding & constitutively said Court now open and sitting. Augustine Curtiss of Warren a resident thereof in s'd Litchfield County SS State of Connecticut aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law sworn 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 was born the 8th day of November AD 1761, at Warren, then called Kent. That he has resided at s'd Warren ever since the Revolutionary War & there now resides. That eh enlisted at Warren aforesaid in the latter part of Dec'r AD 1775 as a private in the company commanded by his Father Eleazer Curtiss served first under col. VanSchaick so called, doesn't know [how] the name is spelled in the latter part of the service served under Col. Gansevoort and served in said service of the United States one year.

That for said service he has been on the Pension Roll under the act of March 18th 1818, of Congress, Connecticut Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence the e8th day of June one thousand eight hundred and nineteen. That he was struck off from the said roll on account his possessing more property than would entitled him to remain on s'd roll, he resides in the same place where he resided when he first applied—s'd certificate signed by J C. Calhoun is herewith enclosed.

And that on his said oath he further states that he again entered the service of the United States in the year 1777, latter part of August a forepart of September, he was drafted under Captain Justus Sacket and immediately marched to Crumpond by Bulls Bridge, Simpson's Hill Beekman and at Crumpond billated until a day or two before Fort Montgomery was taken, he then marched and kept along opposite the British as they broke the chevaux-de-frise at West Point and sailed at the river Hudson he went as far as RedHook and after serving two months was sick with the measles and was discharged at s'd Red Hook we had no written discharge. Josiah Finney Esq. is now living and was with him in s'd service & this deposition is enclosed.

He again entered the service of the United States, and was drafted at Kent and served under Captain Peter Mills then of s'd Kent Lieutenant John Bliss—Ensign, Frederick Dargy and served two months, marched to Horseneck through New Milford Danbury, Readding [?] Stamford, [?] and was stationed at Horseneck and then kept guard on the lines and guard was kept at Rye Bridge so called every night he should thik that he entered s'd service the 1st of June 1778, and left the 1st March same year.—he served two months.

That he again served in s'd service at Norwalks west of the place called "old well" [?] at bridge & also at [?] 5 served two months he should think 2 months, and that he was at this term of service drafted in July or August AD 1779, at s'd Kent Bliss was Lieutenant there was stationed at Norwalk and kept guard there.

That he volunteered and served when Danbury Con't was burnt at s'd Danbury one or two weeks.

That he also served as volunteer two or three weeks at Norwalk when Norwalk was burnt—and Fairfield was also burnt.

That he has no record of his age. That he served about 19 months in the whole of his service.

That George Starin Esqr, Dan Carter, Benjamin Carter, Homer Sacket, Sherman Heartwell, are persons to whom he is well known in his present neighborhood who reside in said Warren & who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll in any other instance than as before stated, in the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. (Signed) Augustine Curtis

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Frederick Chitrtenden, Clerk's s'd Court. Josiah Finney. Zebedee Sturtevand

Letter in folder dated April 17, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.18988, it appears that Augustine Curtis or Curtiss was born November 8, 1761 at Warren, Connecticut.

He enlisted at said Warren in December 1775 and served one year as a private in Captain Eleazer Curtis' Company, Colonels VanSchaick's and Gansevoort's New York Regiment and was on the expedition to Canada. Captain Eleazer Curtis was the soldier's father and during this service was promoted to major and the company was then commanded by Captain Martin.

He also served with the Connecticut Troops, as follows:

From August or September 1777, two months under Captain Justus Sacket; from January 1778, two months in Captain Peter Mill's Company; from July or August 1779, no officers stated; two months and two weeks when Danbury was burned and two or three weeks when Norwalk and Fairfield were burned, no officers given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 8, 1819, at which time he was living at Warren, Connecticut. He died there September 16, 1832.

The soldier married March 30, 1785 in Warren, Connecticut, Lodema Luckett.

She was allowed pension on her application executed August 22, 1838, while a resident of Warren, Connecticut, aged seventy-one years.

A son, Erastus Curtis, was forty-eight years old in 1838 and living in Warren, Connecticut.

No further data relative to children.