

### **Pension Application for Lewis Fowler**

R.3703 (Widow: Hannah VanVoort.) Married August 7, 1784 at Hempstead NY. Lewis died January 21, 1834.

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State of New York Lewis Fowler a resident of the Town of Berne in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 70 years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 in Capt. Rodolph's Company of Dragoons in the regiment or Corps commanded by Major Henry Lee as a private in the Continental line, that he enlisted as a private of Dragoons in the said company at a place then called Hempsted in the County in the County of Rockland and State of New York and served in the said company and under the command of the said Major Henry Lee (afterwards Lieut Colonel Henry Lee) until the year 1782. In a short time after he enlisted as a private as aforesaid, he was appointed Orderly Sergeant of said Company and continued to serve as such except when serving as a [comes?] until he was discharged.

That he thinks he was a [Comet?] in said company as he was called "Comet Fowler" but does not recollect that ever he received a commission, he remembers however that he rece'd an appointment in writing from Capt. Rodoolph of some kind.

That the next year after he enlisted to wit, in July 1779 he was at the [reduction] of Stoney Point under General Wayne, that three days before that engagement called Genl Wayne called on him at Conkling Bridge where he then quartered to go with him and a few others to reconnoiter and examine the situation of Stoney Point preparatory to the attack that [?] with him and examined the place as well as their situation would permit then returned back to their quarters, that after the expiration of about three days he went with the forces under Genl. Wayne and took Stoney Point after a severe struggle.

That in the next year 1780, he was sent from West Point on an express to Congress at Philadelphia by General Washington a [?] of times.

That he was discharged in the year 1782 as he now thinks in Rockland County.

That he received a written discharge as he well recollects as Comet of Dragoons which discharge was taken by his father and is now lost.

That he was present at Tappan and saw Major Andre hung at that place in 1780. He [blot] for during the war but does not now recollect. That he is now confined to his bed by sickness and has not been out of his house for more than two months past and is entirely unable to attend a court.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or any state and this declarant further states that he well recollects, that New York, where

there was a force of 1,000 foot and 500 horse, that he belonged to the Horse or Dragoons, and that he thinks there the whole of these forces were there under the command of General Heath or Haight. That he does not recollect the year he was in Mossisena, but thinks it was March. (Signed) Lewis Fowler

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore,  
Judge of the County court of the County of Albany.