

Pension Application for Lawrence M. Goes

S.10758

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this seventh day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting Lawrence M. Goes, a resident of the town of Stuyvesant in the County of Columbia and State of New York, aged seventy 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 to wit:

He was born in the town of Kinderhook, now Stuyvesant, in the County of Columbia and State of New York on the 10th day of October 1753, but has no record of his age, the family records of his father's family having been destroyed.

He resided in the aforesaid town of Kinderhook at the time he was called into service, which was in the first place, in the month of January 1775, under General Schuyler, which was for the purpose of marching against the Indians and Scotch troops at Johnstown, Montgomery County under the command of Sir John Johnston [Johnson], John J. VanAlstyne commanded the company which he was in, was absent on duty in the expedition about two weeks.

He was again called into service under Col. Whitbeck in the company of Capt. Lambert Bugert, Lieutenant Isaac P. VanValkenburgh, Second Lieutenant John J. VanAlstyne, Ensign Andries A. Whitbeck, in or about the month of May 1775, volunteered in the militia as a soldier, served about one month, when he was verbally discharged.

Immediately was called out again under Col. Abraham J. VanAlstyne, in the company commanded by Capt. Isaac Van Valkenburgh, under which officers he performed the principal part of his service during the Revolutionary War. Was marched to Albany, Greenbush, and about one month, Schenectady. Was called out in short tours at various times one, two, three and four weeks at a time, during this year; in the whole making about four months.

In the month of March 1777, he was pressed with his waggon and team to assist in carrying the Regiment of Jersey Blues to Albany and was absent about two week owing to bad state of the roads.

He was called to got to Fishkill on confidential business sometime in the month of June 1777, and was absent on this business about one month. Immediately on his return was again called to go on confidential business to Esopus and Hardley and was absent on said business about another month.

Again immediately on his return called out under Major Isaac Goes, Abraham VanBuren, Deputy Commissary and was marched to Springfield, remained there about one month when he was verbally discharged and returned home.

In the month of October 1777, was called into service and the Regiment to which he belonged was marched to Saratoga. He went but part of the distance, on this expedition, when he was ordered back by the commanding officers in company with several others, does not now recollect the exact number, to protect the property of the inhabitants and prevent it from falling into the hands of the Tories and robbers. Was in service on this tour about three months, was under the command of Capt. VanValkenburgh in the regiment of Col. VanAlstyne during this service.

In the early part of the month of October 1781, he was called again into service under the same officers as before named, to go to Albany; from Albany he was marched to Nyskauna, [Niskayuna] from thence to Schenectady, from thence up the Mohawk River to Fort Plain. Was in an engagement at Fort Plain, in which the enemy was routed, with the loss of several prisoners. He was placed as guard over the prisoners. William Vosburgh and Jeremiah Vosburgh whose affidavits accompany this Declaration was with the applicant during this tour, which lasted about three months. William Vosburgh commanded the company in which he served during the engagement with the enemy.

Immediately after his return he was called out and marched to Greenbush; thence up the River to Bemis' Heights. Was absent on this expedition about six weeks.

He has no Documentary evidence to show any of his services, nor does he know of any person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, except William Vosburgh and Jehoiakim Vosburgh whose testimony is hereto annexed.

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) Lawrence M. Goes

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk