

## **Pension Application for Lewis Goslin**

S.43613

Moses' Hazen's Regt.

State of New York

Clinton County SS

On this twenty ninth day of May one thousand eight hundred & nineteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Clinton personally appears Lewis Coffin aged seventy five years resident in Champlain in the said County & state who being by me first duly sworn according to Law on his oath doth make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Lewis Goslin was appointed a Lieutenant in Captain White's Company in Col Moses Hazen's Regiment in the army of the Revolution in March 1776 at Quebec that he was taken prisoner in the May thereafter at the retreat of the Army from Quebec and continued a prisoner seven & a half months when he escaped and served his regiment in July 1778 having been a long time before he was able to get out of Canada & finally got through the Province of Main [Maine] and Joined at White Plains, when he was ordered by General Washington to get into Canada on secret service & he was absent eleven months & then joined his regiment and in 1779 he was transferred to olive's company in the same Regiment and continued in the service of the United States untill 1783 when he was disbanded with the Regiment at New Windsor near Newburgh in the State of New York that he was in the battle of White Plains and at the Siege of Yorktown, that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his county for support.

That his commission was burned in his house a long time since & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services than the annexed. (Signed with his mark) Lewis Goslin

Sworn & subscribed to this 29 day of May 1819. Caleb Nichols, a Judge of Clinton Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated September 21, 1934, written in response to an inquiry..

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Louis Goslin (Gosselin), whose wife as named Tirza, and who received a pension.

The record of Lewis Goslin (as soldier's name appears in this claim) follows as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.43615, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not stated.

Lewis Goslin was commissioned lieutenant in Quebec in March, 1776, in Captain White's company, Colonel Moses Hazen's regiment, in May, following, was taken prisoner in the retreat of the army from Quebec, was held in Canada about two years, made his escape and rejoined the army on July 26, 1778, at White Plains,

under the officers, when he was ordered by General Washington to go into Canada on secret service and was absent eleven months, after which, he joined his regiment and in 1779 was transferred to Captain Olivia's company in the same regiment and was in the battles of Elizabethtown, Morrisania, at the siege of Yorktown and was discharged when peace was declared in 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 29, 1819, at which time he was aged seventy-five years and a resident of Champlain, Clinton County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier was still residing in Champlain, New York, and then referred to his wife, Tirza, aged about sixty-seven years, also to his granddaughter, Constance Lafontaine, aged seven years, who lived with him (the names of the parents of his granddaughter not given).

Lewis Goslin died August 7, 1823, place not stated.