

Pension Application for Leonard King

S.42783

State of New York
Schoharie County

On the Sixth Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, personally appeared in open court being a court of record to wit, a court of common Pleas in and for said county of Schoharie and constituted such court by Law and Statues of the State of New York; Leonard King a resident of the County of Schoharie aforesaid aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1823 that he the said Leonard King enlisted on the first of April 1779 in captain Dubois' Company in Col. Dubois' (1) regiment on Continental Establishment New York service for nine months. That he continued to serve in said regiment until the first of January 1780, when he was honourably discharged at Middle Fort at Schoharie in the State of New York, that he is willing to relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension except the Present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State except the State of New York and the following are the reason for not making earlier application for a pension. I could neither read or write in English and was always too poor that I could not get proper course cannot to make out my papers, correctly; and I have neglected to make out my claim partly in consequence of being told that the nine months men could not have a pension; and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820. I so solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with an intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring my self within the provision of an act of Congress entitled an act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in Revolution War passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities contract or debts due to me; not have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto and by me subscribed.

I have no real estate either in possession, reversion or remainder either in law or equity. Personal property I have nothing else as my bed, bedding and clothing.

In the year 1778 I was under the command of Captain Patrick (2) I was with him and company in a Battle engaged against the enemy of my country at Cobelskill (3) now in the county of Schoharie that I was wounded in my hand in said battle in consequence of said wound I am ever since lame to this day.

I have a wife sixty six years old five children I have no children that are able to support me. I have no debt due to me there has been no changes on my real or personal property since the 18th of March 1818 as I have had none to dispose of.

(Signed with his mark) Leonard King

Sworn the 6th day of October 1829 before me Henry Shafer, Judge of Schoharie Common Pleas.

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Henry Shafer Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie being duly sworn deposes and says that he has been well acquainted with John Borst and John King subscribers of the within Affidavits hereunto annexed during and ever since the Revolutionary war and knows that they served as soldiers, sustaining them as they have ever since respectable and honest characters and know them respectively to be unquestionable credibility.—

And also that he was during the Revolutionary War & ever since has been well acquainted with the Petitioner Leonard King—that he does not recollect the particular days of his enlistment and discharge but does distinctly remember of seeing the said Leonard frequently on duty in the Regiment and company of Colonel and Capt. Dubois and understood that he was enlisted at the time for nine months and verily believes that he served during said time & was honorably discharged—And also that the said Leonard King did then and has ever since sustained a good reputation and is a man of credibility. The said deponent further saith that the said Leonard is a poor man and has been acquainted with him and family since the 18th March 1818 and that he did not at that time nor since own any real or personal property but what is mentioned in his schedule and further saith not—

(Signed) Henry Shafer

Subscribed and sworn the 4th day of November AD 1829 before me Demosthenes Lawyer, a commissioner to take affidavits in and for Schoharie County.

End Notes—S.42783—Leonard King

1. Leonard is mistaken about this service. He served as a private in Captain Benjamin Dubois' Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781. Leonard was owed £ 20..16..0 and Alexander Chesnut received the sum. No actual date of Payment is given but

payment was sworn to as correct by Colonel Marinus Willett on October 28, 1785, Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 173 (Willett's Levies).

2. Captain William Patrick of Colonel Ichabod Alden's Sixth Massachusetts Continental Regiment.
3. The Battle of Cobleskill was fought on May 30, 1778. Captain Patrick with several of his men were killed in this battle.
4. Leonard may have served in Captain Christian Brown's Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Captain Brown's Company was from the Cobleskill area and was in the battle. The surname does not appear on the rolls of Vrooman's Regiment. King could be a corruption of Keoning or Konig. A Leonard Koening served in Brown's Company as did John Koning (King?) and John Borst. A John King and John Borst attested to Leonard's service. Leonard was born circa 1753 and would have served in the militia prior to 1781 according to New York's Militia Law when an able bodied male turned 16 he had to serve in the local militia.