

Pension Application for Lawrence Kortright

S.13676

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the sixth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County (being a court of record) now sitting, Lawrence Kortright a resident of the town of Walkill in the County of orange and State of New York aged about seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

This deponent first entered into service in the summer of 1776 being the same year of the battle of Long Island.

He enlisted for five months in what was at that time called the five months service, under Capt. John Wood in the Township of Goshen in the said County of Orange; at which place this deponent then resided in the Regiment of Col. Isaac Nicholls in General Clinton's Brigade—a few days after enlistment this deponent with his Company marched to New Windsor in the said Country of Orange where they remained one night, from thence to Fort Montgomery where the Company drew provisions & remained a day or two, and then marched down the west side of the Hudson below a British Frigate or man of war which was going in the river & then crossed over to the East side of the Hudson and marched down the same to Kingsbridge in the County of Westchester at which place there were other troops.

Deponent remained there with his company until some time later in the fall as he believes & the troops for most of the time were building fortifications & throwing up breastworks. They then marched to White Plains in the same County and Deponent was partially engaged in that battle he having been one of the piquet guard & was driven in to the main body by the enemy—

General McDougal had the command of the Americans at the time of the battle—deponent remained there a fortnight or three weeks after the battle and then marched to Peekskill with a number of other companies of five months men & remained there in barracks until he was discharged at the time of the expiration of his term of service, which was a day or two before new years day or the 1st day of January 1777 as Deponent recollects that he reached his home on that day—He did not receive a written discharge nro does he recollect that any of his company did—He received his pay in Continental money.

This deponent further says that during the whole of the residue of Revolutionary war he resided in the said Township of Goshen and was during the whole of that time a private soldier in a company of militia in the said tour commanded by Captain Samuel Jones until the month of July 1779 when his said Captain was killed by the Indians in what was called the Battle of Minisink after which time this deponent believes the company was commanded Theophilus Howell—

During the whole of the above period this deponent was called out a great number of times either as a volunteer with the whole company or as a draft or as one of a class into which the company was divided & was thus called out on various occasions & for different periods of time some of which one as follows viz:

He was at Fort Montgomery at least ten different times & remained there as a soldier as aforesaid from one week to a month each time.

When he went with his class he most usually remained one month and Deponent verily believes that the whole time he was at Fort Montgomery as aforesaid was at least five months. Deponent was ordered to Ramapo in the County of Rockland a number of times, and remained there or in the vicinity by Esquire [?] during the several times a period of at least four months—at the time Fort Montgomery was taken this deponent with his company was ordered to that place, but on their march information was received that the Fort had been taken and his company was then ordered to New Windsor & from that place to Kingston or Esopus in the County of Ulster near the Hudson river to defend that place against an expected attack of the British—Deponent was at New Windsor and saw the British ships sail up the river—

Deponent's company immediately commenced their march & Deponent went with them about ten or twelve miles when he was taken very lame & became unable to continue his march and was discharged by his captain & returned home. This Company went on to Esopus & arrived there as he afterwards understood whilst the village was in flames. He was engaged at this time a little less than a fortnight—Deponent also performed service in his class at Nicholl's Point or Mundiner's Creek near New Windsor aforesaid five different times a fortnight each time amounting in the whole to a term of two months and an half of which he has no doubt.

Deponent also at various times during the war was ordered out and performed duty at Neversink or as the Country was called Peenpack near the Delaware river at Carpenter's Point amount in the whole to ten different times of a fortnight each, making together a period of five months.

This deponent was born at Harlaem on York Island in the year 1758. Has an accord of his age at home. He resided in the Township of Goshen County of orange aforesaid when he entered the service & has resided within two or three miles of the same place ever since. Never received any written discharge & has no documentary evidence to establish his right to a pension for his services as aforesaid.

Deponent can prove by Usher Moore & Thomas Wood his service before mentioned in the five months service.

Deponent believes that James Finch Gabriel N. Phillips & Thomas Black who are known to this deponent & reside in his neighbourhood, can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

This Deponent 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—and further this Deponent says not. (Signed) Lawrence Kortright

Subscribed & sworn in open court the 6th day of December 1832. Asa Dunning,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 28, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.13676, it appears that Lawrence Kortright was born in 1758 at Harlaem on York Island.

While a resident of Goshen Township, Orange County, New York, he served as a private with the New York troops as follows:

Enlisted in June 1776, served five months in Captain John Wood's Company, Colonel Isaac Nichol's Regiment, was in the battle of White Plains, and was discharged about January 1, 1777.

Enlisted in June 1777, served at various time to the close of the war, amounting in all to about six months, in various forts in New York State and on the frontiers against Indians, under Captains Samuel Jones and John Little, and Colonels Allison, Odell, Newkirk and Tusten, and was at the battle of Minisink.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 6, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Wallkill, Orange County, New York.

There are no family data.

This is the history of the only soldier named Lawrence Kortright found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.