

Pension Application for John Baptist Labonte

R.20450

State of New York
Clinton County SS.

John Baptiste Labonte, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he joined the American Army in 1775, as a volunteer under the command of General Montgomery: that he retreated with the American Army from Canada, and when he arrived at Albany in 1776, he enlisted into the Company commanded by his father Capt. Labonte in Col. Livingston's regiment, to serve through the war: that he did serve in said company and regiment until about two years before the war ended, when he was detached or transferred into General Hazen's Regiment, and there served for the remainder of the war: and at the close of the war he was regularly discharged and honorably discharged from the regiment last aforesaid in the month of June 1783, at Albany.

That he received his discharge and certificate for the reward of eighty dollars from General Hazen.

And this deponent further saith, that in consideration of his services, as aforesaid, he drew lands from the state of New York, which were granted him by letters patent from said state: that he sold his claim for said land, and also his claim on the United States for one hundred acres of land, and which has been since drawn by the person to whom he sold the same, as by reference to the war office will more fully appear. And further deponent said not. (Signed with his mark) John Baptiste Labonte.

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 26th day of March 1830. C.K. Averill, J. Peace.

Letter in folder dated August 28, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.20450, based upon the military service in that war of John Baptist Labonte.

The date and place of birth of John Baptist Labonte are not shown. His father served as captain in Colonel Livingston's New York Regiment. His Christian name and the name of soldier's mother are not stated.

On June 20, 1828, while living in Champlain, Clinton County, New York, John Baptist Labonte applied for pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War and alleged that he joined the American Army in Canada under General Montgomery and retreated with the army into New York State and that on his arrival at Albany, in 1776, he enlisted and served as a sergeant in his father's company, Colonel Livingston's New York Regiment; that in 1779, he was transferred to Colonel Hazen's Regiment, sometimes called "The Congress Regiment", and was discharged in June 1783.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service as required by the pension laws.

There are no data as to wife or children.