

Pension Application for Isaac Lacy or Lacey

W.3095 (Widow: Ellen)

Declaration of Isaac Lacy, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Bucks SS.

On this tenth day of September AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. John Fox Esq. President Judge of the 7th Judicial District composed of the Counties of Bucks & Montgomery in the State aforesaid and William Watte and William Long Esquires his Associates Judges now composing a Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Bucks aforesaid at Doylestown, Isaac Lacy a resident of the Township of Doylestown County & State aforesaid aged about ninety 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 7th 1832.

That he was born at White Plains on Long Island in the State of New York in the year 1742, but he has no record of his age, lived with John Vermilyea at the above place when he entered the service, and has resided in Bucks County aforesaid ever since the Revolutionary War and at this time lives in said Doylestown Township.

That he enlisted in the Army under Captain Henry O'Harra in the year 1773 or '74 but does not recollect the Regiment to which his company was attached; Col. Thomas Thomas was with the troops where he served and the names of Genls Montgomery & Arnold were familiar to him, but he has little recollection further of them. He is unable to say, more respecting the rank and names of the field and company officers and cannot particularize any Continental or Militia Regiments.

He enlisted in the City of New York, and left there with Captain OHarra's company in about two weeks, on board a sloop for Albany at which place they remained several weeks in the barracks, then proceeded from there in boats and battoes [Batteaux] to Still-Water and from thence by land to Lake George and stayed about a week at the Fort where the passed over to Ticonderoga at which place they remained until a sufficient number of boats were constructed to convey the troops to St. Johns in Lower Canada.

After the necessary preparations had been made they passed down Lake Champlain towards St. Johns, and having attempted to land at a point a few miles south of said place, they were repulsed by the enemy and compelled to retreat back to the Isle-Aux-Naux, where they lay until an additional supply of gun-boats were obtained from Ticonderoga—These having been obtained they succeeded in effecting a landing at the point before mentioned and drove a party of troops consisting partly of Indians back into the woods; preparations were now made to attack the Fort at St. Johns, which was soon commenced and after a skirmish with the British it was surrendered and the prisoner taken on the occasion were sent on to New York. Here he remained with a portion of the troops for a considerable time (he thinks several months) and the main body provided on to Quebec) [position of the parenthesis] – While at St. Johns the small pox was introduced among the troops and made

considerable ravages, which disease he himself afterwards had on his return at Fort George.

Sometime subsequent to the departure of the main body of the troops for Quebec, the Regiment or Company to which he was attached received orders to follow and having reached the Three Rivers, they there met the American Troops, he believes under Arnold, on their retreat, some skirmishing took place here in which they participated but some joined with the main body of the retreating troops and returned to St. Johns; from thence they proceeded to Ticonderoga thence to Skeensboro, and at the latter place he received his discharge from Capt. OHarra, having been in the service for the space of one year, the term for which he enlisted.

The discharge has been lost for many years and there are no persons now living to whom he can refer to that have seen it -He came from Skeensboro to Albany from thence to New York, from thence he went into New England where he remained some time, then came to the County in which he now resides just at the close of the Revolutionary War.

He further states that he is known to Thomas Stewart, Josiah Y. Shaw, Nathaniel Shewill, John Dyer who reside in the same neighbourhood in which he lives and who can testify to his veracity.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Lacy

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Wm. Purdy [?]