

Pension Application for John Lafferty or Laferty

S.35516 [almost no punctuation in the depositions below]

I John Lafferty states on oath that in the month of June 1775, enlisted with Capt. Henry B. Livingston & was in Col. Holmes Regt with Genl Montgomery to Quebec and upon my returning in the fall 1776 at Saratoga in the State of New York I again enlisted with Capt. Fink of the 1st New York Regt of Regular Soldiers in the Continental Establishment commanded by Col. VanSlykeor Lieut Col. VanSlyke of Genl Arnold, Brigade & Genl Schuyler part of the time that Capt. [Herick?] having resigned. I served out my time of three years for which I enlisted with Capt. Leonard Bleeker of the same Regt and and again enlisted for and during the war which I faithfully served out and honorably discharged from Bleekers company at New [?] in the year 1782 when the war closed I was at the taking of Genl Burgoyne, at the Battle of Monmouth & at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York I left my discharge with [?] Parks in the State of New York about twenty five years since when I came to Kentucky and I believe that the same is lost so that I cannot procure it & I know of no other evidence by which I can prove my services that I can now procure I am not old and unable to endure hard labor and am so much reduced in my circumstances having no land or property of any kind that I stand in need of assistance of my country for my support.

I further declare and say all other claims of any kind in the U States for a pension I am at the time a citizen of Kentucky Mercer County and set my hand and seal the 6th July 1818. (Signed with his mark) John Laverty

Schedule. District of Kentucky SS. Mercer County Viz.

On this 15th day of January 1821, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County of Mercer John Lafferty aged sixty nine years resident in Mercer County in said District who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: in the month of May 1775 Inlisted with in Capt. Livingstons & was transferred to Capt. Leonard Balkers Company of the 1st New York Regt I went to Cannada [Canada] with General Montgomery I was at the Capture of St. John Genl Burgoine the Battle of Monmouth & Capture of Lord Cornwallis I served during the whole war and I do solemnly sware [sware] 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 there of with intent thereby so toe diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the law and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary 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, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

1 Cow and Calf \$10.00

1 yearling calf 2.50

1 oven broken 1.00
1 sow and four pigs 5.00
\$18.50

Sworn to and declared on the 15th day of January 1821 before the [?] the Country Court of Mercer County.

I Thomas Allen Clerk of the County Court of Mercer County do certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed and are truly copied from the record of the said Court; and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in Value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is \$18 dollars and fifty cents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court on the 17th day of January 1821.

Tho Allen Clerk of the Court for the County of Mercer.

Letter in folder dated August 2, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension S.35516, based upon the military service of John Lafferty in that war.

John Lafferty (the name also appears as Laferty) enlisted, place not stated, in May or June 1775, served as a private in Captain Henry B. Livingston's Company, Colonel Holmes' New York Regiment, went on the expedition to Canada under General Montgomery and was at the capture of Fort St. John; he enlisted at Saratoga, New York, in the fall of 1776, served as a private in Captain Finck's and Leonard Bleeker's Companies, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment, was at the taking of Burgoyne, the battle of Monmouth and capture of Cornwallis and was discharged in 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 6, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Mercer County, Kentucky. In 1821, he was aged sixty-nine years.