

Pension Application for Prudent LaJenness or LaJennesse

R.6086

Canadian

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this fourth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges or Justices of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Clinton now sitting Prudent LaJennesse a resident at the County Poor House in the town of Beekmantown in said County of Clinton and State of New York aged ninety five 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that he was born at Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada in 1737. That he has no record of his age, that when he was called into service he resided at Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada, that since the Revolutionary War has lived at Montreal, Quebec, in Champlain in the State of New York and now resides at the poor house aforesaid; that he collected together a company of Canadian volunteers in 1775 and joined the army under the command of General Montgomery at Crown Point & Ticonderoga. That General Montgomery under his own hand gave him a commission of a Captain at Ticonderoga & before his army moved to Canada.

That eh had the command of the same men he brought with him from Canada, that he proceeded into the Army of Genl Montgomery to St. Johns; that he was ordered by the commanding General to reconnoiter the fort at Chambly and did so & returned with information to said General, that the fort was immediately taken at Chambly; that the army then went to Montreal which was abandoned by the English troops, Genl Montgomery continued on to Quebec. He was left with other troops to garrison Montreal while the American Army proceeded to Quebec as aforesaid; that prisoners were sent by the commanding General to Montreal & deponent was ordered to convey them to Albany & to bear dispatches to Congress others getting to Philidelphia [Philadelphia] -- that he went to Philidelphia & returned again to Montreal & continued there until the retreat of the American Army from Quebec, when he again joined the army & came with them to Albany in the presence of seventeen hundred and seventy six.

That while in Albany his men enlisted some for the war, some for a shorter periods, & some quit this company & went into other companies in Col. Hazen & Livingston's Regiments & he was left without command.

That he served as a Captain of said colunteer company without being attached to any particular regiment as he now remembers, that he so served for better than one year & particularly from the time he joined Genl Montgomery at Ticonderoga as

aforesaid until after said Army returned to Albany—the dates of his entering at the service at Ticonderoga & leaving it at Albany, he cannot recollect—He continued in the service of the United States till the close of the war after giving up his command of the company aforesaid & as Superintendent of the Regiment Baking Establishment at West Point. He recollects the following named officers with whom he served, Col. Livingston, Captain Quarterfare, Lieut Guilomat & Major Merlet, Col. Hazen.

That he received a commission of Captain aforesaid [?] Genl Montgomery Commanding General of the Northern Army and lost it in the service before or about the time of his entering the government Baking Establishment at West Point.

That his mental facilities are so such decayed he cannot recollect all the circumstances of his service &c.

That the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as an officer in the Revolution are Isaac C. Platt, David Peters—that he has no documentary evidence of his service except a certificate under the hand of Brigadier General Paterson who certifies that he knew deponent as a Lieutenant or Captain in Canada and is positive that he served in the American Cause in only their capacities.

And another certificate under the hands of Capt. Peter Quarterpage, Lieutenant Guilomat in Col. Hazen's Regt & N. Merlet, Major of Militia stating that they knew him to have served in the army aforesaid & was a captain and he further says that he commanded a company of Men as aforesaid at the battle of the [Ceedor?] & was in some skirmish at St. Johns & Chambly & the battle of the Cedars—was in no other engagement.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Prudent LaJenness.

Sworn to & his mark made the day & year aforesaid in open court before me. Geo. M. Beckwith acting clerk of Clinton County.