

Pension Application for Joseph Lamb

W.21561 (Widow: Martha)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga, now sitting Joseph Lamb a resident of the Town of Half Moon in the County of Saratoga and State of New York, aged Seventy Eight 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 periods, officers and served as herein stated.

That about the close of the month of July in the year 1776 he enlisted for the term of five months in a company of which William Pearce was Captain, in a Regiment of the New York State troops, under the command of Colonel Swartwout—that he resided in the Town of Pawling in the County of Dutchess and State of New York when he entered the service.

That he marched from Pawlings, unto the vicinity of Kingsbridge where the regiment was stationed some time, and were employed in building Fort Independence and while so stationed, he was sent server times on guard to Morrisania.

That he remained at the station aforesaid, until the latter part of October or first of November, when, information being received from General Washington, that volunteers were needed on Long Island, the company of Captain Pearce of which deponent was a member, and the company of Captain Abraham Swartwout, both belonging to Colonel Swartwout's Regiment volunteered to go, and immediately marched to New York; and crossed over to Long Island where they remained two days, when the American Army left the Island, and crossed over to the City of New York.

That they remained at New York a few days and then the two companies aforesaid returned to Kingsbridge—where they were stationed for a short time. That deponent was then detached as one of the guards of Fifty men to proceed to Morrisania, to relive a guard of one thousand men, and was afterwards ordered back to Kingsbridge aforesaid.

That immediately after returning to Kingsbridge, the station there was broken up and the troops crossed over the Hudson river into New Jersey in the night, within sight of the British shipping. That deponent was then ordered to Peekskill, where they remained until they were joined by the remainder of the Brigade and afterwards proceeded to Fort constitution. That deponent Five months having expired while at Fort Constitution, he enlisted a second time in the Service of the United Sates for the term of one month, in the Company of the said Captain Swartwout, as a sergeant—to with from the 1st of January 1777 to the 1st of February in the same year.

That deponent was stationed at Fort Constitution during that month and was discharged on the 1st day of February aforesaid. That the Lieutenant of the Company in which Deponent served under his second enlistment as aforesaid was Nathaniel Butler—who was also Lieutenant in Captain Pearce's Company in which deponent served under his first Enlistment aforesaid.

And this Deponent further saith on his oath aforesaid, that immediately after his discharge at Fort Constitution as aforesaid he returned to the Town of Pawlings, his residence aforesaid—that the country in that vicinity was much exposed to the incursions of the Enemy, who were continually sending out foraging and marauding parties—that the militia were repeatedly and at various times ordered out to oppose them—and that deponent was frequently and for different periods ordered out to oppose the enemy on such occasions.

That twice he was ordered out for periods of three weeks each time, and did duty for those periods accordingly—that at other times he was ordered out and remained on duty for a few days in succession. And that he was thus ordered out and did duty for about three years, and that the time in which he was thus employed in the service of the United States would in the aggregate as this deponent verily believes amount to the term of six months at least.

And that deponent knows of no surviving witness, by whom he can establish his service as above set forth or any part thereof.

And this Deponent on his oath aforesaid the answer to the Interrogatories propounded under the instructions from the Department of War, further saith that he was born at Pawlings in the County of Dutchess & State of New York in the year 1755—that he has a record of his age at his present residence—that he lived at the Town of Pawlings aforesaid when he enlisted, and also where he was ordered out into the service as before stated. That he continued to reside at Pawlings until the year 1795 then he removed to the Town of Half Moon in the County of Saratoga where he has since resided and still resides. That for the term of five months and one month he enlisted as is above stated, and that for the six months duty, as above stated—and that for the six months duty as above mentioned, he was ordered out as a militia man—That the names of the officers who were with the troops where he served and whom he recollects are General George Clinton & Colonels Swartwout, Lasher & Brown—that the general circumstances of his service are above detailed.

That he never received a written discharge from the service.

That he is known to the Reverend Abijah Peck, Doctor William Cary, Zebulon Mott & Stephen Badgley who resides in his neighborhood, and who as deponent believes can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution and that he has no documentary evidence by which to establish his service as aforesaid.

He 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. (Signed) Joseph Lamb

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Thomas Palmer Clerk.

Amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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Saratoga County SS.

Joseph Lamb named and described in the annexed declaration being duly sworn saith that Genl George Clinton was the commanding General of the Brigade to which deponent was attached during his five months service mentioned in his aforesaid declaration. William Pearce was his Captain Nathaniel Butler his first lieutenant and Benjamin Elliot his second lieutenant. Deponent recollects of a Captain Israel Vail, Capt ____ Calkins and Cornelius VanWyck (the last of which Captains viz --VanWyck was killed at White Plains in a Scout) who were officers in his aforesaid Regiment & does not recollect the names of any others at present. That there were no regular troops or officers in company or at the places when deponent lay during his aforesaid five months service.

Deponent further saith that for the month service mentioned in his aforesaid declaration Abraham Swartwout was his Captain and Nathaniel Butler his Lieutenant that they had the command & charge of what few men were left to take charge of the Fort and stores and they are all the officers deponent recollects to have been with or immediately under during the aforesaid months service—

That deponent for the aforesaid month was attached to the Regiment of Colo Swartwout as he was also during the five months service.

That at one time & in the year 1777 deponent thinks he was called out upon an alarm to go to Peekskill and was there when Fort Montgomery was taken deponent was there for days & under his aforesaid Captain Pearce & Nathaniel Butler was his lieutenant that Genl Putnam at the time had the command at Peekskill.

That deponent recollects another time when he was called and went out for two days under his aforesaid officers.

That deponent does not recollect the names of any of the officers under whom he served for the two tours of three weeks each as mentioned in his original declaration except that his Colonel was Field who discharged deponent—and this deponent further saith that he can not recollect the names of the officers under whom he served with any greater particularity that what he has already stated.

And this deponent further saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grades for twelve months in all I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. (Signed) Joseph Lamb.

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 31st day of December 1832. Henry Edson
Justice of the Peace.

Family Record

BIRTHS

Joseph Lamb February 7, 1755
Thomas Hunt March 17, 1759
Martha Thompson February 8, 1771
Sally Lamb born January 5, 1788
John Lamb July 7, 1792
One daughter born March 20 17[??] Died without a name
Caleb Lamb April 7, 1795.
Daniel Lamb August 16, 1797
Joseph Lamb Junior October 2, 1777
Mahala Lamb January 1, 1802
March 5, 1804 one son died without name
Assenath Lamb May 3, 1805
Elizabeth Lamb April 22, 1808
All[?] Lamb June 17, 1810
David Thompson Lamb September 1, 1814
Juliet Lamb November 18th 1822
August 8th 1826 Ann Eliza Lamb
BIRTHS OF Saley & Chersick
Children [Tamer Payn?] October 3, 1813
Jopseph Payn December 16, 1814
Assenath Payn July 15, 1916
October [blotted] Payn
Lydia Armstrong Payn December 1th [sic] 1818
John Payn 21 of January 1822
Martha Payn October 3th 1823
Julia Ann Payne 25 of July 1825
Of Caleb & Delia's Children
January 6th 1822 Ethan T. Lamb
July 9th 1829 Elizabeth Lamb
June 29th 1827 George William Lamb
BIRTHS of John & Janeann Lambs Children
August 20, 1827 Mary & Martha
June 11th 1826 George William Lamb
MARRIAGES
October 26, 1780 Joseph Lamb and Thomas Hunt married
February 9, 1792 Joseph Lamb and Martha Thompson married
February 8 1812 Salley Lamb Married to Charsick Payn
January 25th 1821 Caleb Lamb Married to Delia Sweet
December 13th 1821 John Lamb married to Janeann Dowers
February 12th 1824 Joseph lamb Junr married two Freelove Vanhyning
August 13th the 1825 [sic] Harmanus Peck to Elizabeth Lamb
January 24 1829 George Winset married to Mahala Lamb
March 1st 1832 Alanson Lamb married to Eve An Wilden

April 29th 1837 David T. Lamb married to Emeline VanVoorhees