

Pension Application for Archibald Lamont or Lemans or Lemon

R.6093

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

On this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the said State of New York now sitting Archibald Lamont a resident of the Town of Fulton in the said County of Schoharie and State of New York 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 now resides in the Town of Fulton in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, that he was aged sixty eight years on the eighteenth day of August last past.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That in the month of June in the year 1777 he resided at a place called Nobletown now called Spencertown in the County of Columbia in said State of New York – that in the forepart of June of that year 1777 he volunteered in a militia company commanded by William Turner as commandant. David McKinstry as Lieutenant and one Vaughn as Ensign (his Christian name he does not recollect) that Peter Van Ness was colonel and commandant of the Regiment to which said company was attached—that the names of the other regimental officers he does not recollect.

That he volunteered in said militia company for one year under the aforesaid which were given by said Colonel Peter VanNess to the Regiment and companies belonging thereto that for the years service they should be entitled to the same compensation which was paid to the Troops in the Continental Service. That in the early part of June 1777 he is positive it was before the 12th day of that month and immediately after he volunteered as aforesaid the company to which he was attached were marched under the above named officers to a place called Taughkanic in said County of Columbia for the purpose of expelling and subduing the tories and those who were inimical to the liberties of the County from the place—last mentioned they were marched to a place called Ancram in said county in the pursuit of the tories who were numerous and powerful and who were continually plundering and robbing in the country, and committing other depredations and destroying the lives of the citizen—

That said company for the first seven months from and after the said 12th day of June 1777 were constantly under arms, and engaged in defending the common country against the incessant depredations of the tories, which service consisted in traversing the country in various directions intercepting lying in wait, arresting and subduing the tories and then disaffected towards the liberties of the Country, and in recovering the plundered property of those who were favoring the common cause, that he this deponent is positively certain that from the said 12th day of June 1777 until the 12th day of Jany 1778 being seven months he faithfully served the country in the

common cause as a member of said company and under the above named officers, that after the expiration of the first seven months of the volunteer years service the said company continued again in and ready for actual service but their service was not continuous but frequently interrupted from time to time as the Tories and those disaffected had in a measure ceased their operations, and the company were only occasionally called out on duty.

That in the month of June as late as the middle of that month in the year 1778 the said company were verbally dismissed by said Capt. Turner without giving them any written dismissal from service. That he this deponent cannot state with certainty how long or how much time he was in actual service until the end of the year aforesaid. That said service was performed in tours of duty varrying [varying] from one to four and six days in length and how much the aggregate of those services were to the end of the year he cannot state with certainty, but is confident that it would amount to not less than one month.

This deponent further states that in the month of July in the year 1780 he still resided at Nobletown in the said County of Columbia—that in the forepart of the month of July of that year, certainly as early as the fifth day of that month, he enlisted in a company of militia (State Troops) under the command of Christopher Miller as commandant and Jeremiah Miller as Lieutenant the ensign he does not recollect that said company immediately after his enlistment were marched in the direction of New York as their ultimate place of destination.

That they passed through the Town of Fishkill and this deponent well recollects that cherries were then ripe when they got to Fishkill from which circumstances this deponent recollects that it was in the early part of July when he enlisted from Fishkill they were marched to West Point where they were stationed one month from there they were marched to Haverstraw and Tappan and from there they were marched to Kingsbridge.

When the company embarked on board a vessel and sailed to Albany as orders had arrived that men were wanted—on the western frontier to defend it against the Indians—they arrived in Albany sometime in the month of September, from Albany they were marched to a place called the Middle Fort in the now County of Schoharie and were stationed at said Middle Fort about one month—that during the time they were so stationed at said Fort they had an Engagement with Sir John Johnson who attacked the fort and was repulsed after the engagement they went in pursuit of the Indians in company with other Troops and marched as far west as Herkimer when the company returned and were discharged at Schenectady about the first of November by the commanding officers Christopher Miller verbally without written discharges—

That this deponent enlisted for three months but he states positively that he continued in service and did duty at that time from the said fifth day of July 1780 to the twenty fifth day of October of the same year being a period of almost four months—that the commanding officer when he discharged the company at Schenectady promised them that when they arrived at Albany—they should all have

their pay but that this deponent never nor did any of the company receive their pay as was promised them.

This deponent further states that he has a record of his age in the family Bible in his possession which agrees with his statement made herein—that he continued to reside in the said County of Columbia for some years after the Revolutionary War, that when he removed from said County of County he came to reside in the Town of Fulton Schoharie County where he has always resided since, having resided where he now does for a period of about thirty years and upwards—he further states that he has been unable to procure any evidence to corroborate his statement herein made as to his volunteer service in the years 1777 & 1778, and that the only person he could procure to corroborate by statement as to the service he performed in the year 1780 as an enlisted soldier is the statement of Samuel Spaulding when affidavit is hereunto appended—he further states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood to apply to make the certificate required by the rules of the war department—this deponent further states that he was born in the County of Columbia at a place called Nobletown.

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) Archibald Lamont

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clerk