

Pension Application for Benjamin Lamphier

S.22351

State of New York

Chenango County SS.

On this twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Personally appeared before me Hezekiah Head one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Chenango and State of N.Y., being a Court of record in and for said County, Benjamin Lamphier, resident of the town of Dutchess County of Chenango aged seventy one 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 about the first of March (the precise day he cannot recollect) in the year (1777) he enlisted in the town of Westerly County of Washington and State of Rhode Island, for the term of one month, by Champlain Lamphier at [Pine Inda Point?] the day after he elisted [enlisted] he joined a company commanded by Captain Edward Blevin at [Pine Inda Point?] being there place of rendezvous, the names of the under officers he says he has forgotten, thinks the regmt was commanded by Col. Joseph Noyes, he was stationed at the place aforesaid until the expiration of the term for which he enlisted he was then discharged from service, and returned home to his Father's in the said town of Westerly.

The day after he was discharged he was again called into service by draft for the term of one month joined the company commanded by Capt. Oliver Lewis, at the house of Nathan Babcocks in the town of Westerly, which was occupied by said company, as guard house, the regmt was commanded by Col. Joseph Noges, he was stationed at the place aforesaid at guard until the end of the month.

April. The day after he was discharged he was again called into service by draft for the term of one month joined the company commanded by Capt Oliver Lewis, at the house of Nathan Babcocks in the town of Westerly, which was occupied by said company, as guard house, the regmt was commanded by Col. Joseph Noyes, he was stationed at the place aforesaid as guard until the end of the month.

May. He continued in the service as substitute for his father Benjamin Lamphier at the place aforesaid under the command of Capt. Joshua Pendleton.

June. He served by draft at the place aforesaid in the company commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton, He served as substitute for his father (July) at the same place and under the aforesaid officers, he was drafted, in the said company and served (August) at the place last aforesaid, and the said Joshua Pendleton until the end of the month, he says he can not recollect the names of the subaltern officers as there were many changes, and some of the time, there were no other com. Officers in the company but a Capt or commandant that this company was composed of of [sic] the

[?] of the town of Westerly and so arranged that one half should be out one month, and the second half the next month, and in case of emergency all men were called out.

September. This month he served as substitute for his father in the aforesaid company commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton, at the guard house aforesaid in Westerly, about the last of this month, (the day he can not recollect) there came a general draft, and he was drafted for the time of three months, to join General Spencer's Army, the day after the draft he joined the company commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton, at the house of the said Nathan Babcocks in the town of Westerly, marched to Providence from there to [Tintown?] and joined Col. Bartone regmt then marched to Foglands ferry where he joined the army, commanded by General Spencer (the day he joined the army he cannot now recollect) but thinks about the first of October) soon after joining the army an attempt was made by night to attack the enemy by surprise, in which he failed, the same night he marched back to [Tintown?] where he halted about a week, from thence to Providence remained there about two weeks, the regmt was then dissolved, and the companies returned to their respective towns, his to the town of Westerly, thinks he enrolled at the place last aforesaid about the first of November that he then quartered at the house of said Nathan Babcocks, in Westerly, until the first of December, was there discharged form said draft.

December. He served as substitute for his Father (Benj. Lamphier) at the guard house in the said town of Westerly, under the command of Capt. Peleg Pendleton.

Jan 1778. This month he served by draft in the company commanded by the said Peleg Pendleton, at the guard house in Westerly.

February. He served as substitute for his father at the place aforesaid in the same company commanded by the said Peleg Pendleton, the month of March he served by draft, in the same company as aforesaid the twenty fifth of this month he was discharged from service and returned home to his fathers in the said town of westerly, the first of April he was drafted for one month to serve in the company commanded by Capt Joshua Pendleton in the guard house of [??] in Westerly—

May he served as substitute for her Father, at the place aforesaid in the company commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton, he thinks about the tenth of this month two British vessels were discovered in chase of an an [sic] American vessel which soon run ashore near the place where he was stationed, a fire was commenced on both sides which lasted about eight or ten houses without effort existing to prevent the enemy from burning the American vessel.

The month of June he served by draft in the company commanded by Lieut Peckam, joined the company at the said guard house in Westerly, land marched to Green Hill in South Kingston R.I., when he was stationed as guard to prevent the enemy from taking and driving away the cattle grazing near the beach, at the end the month he marched back to Westerly.

July. He served as substitute for his Father in the company commanded by Joshua Pendleton at the said house of Nathan Babcock in the town of Westerly.

August. By draft, joined the company commanded by Ensign Moses Barbee, at there place of rendezvous in Westerly, and marched to South Kingston R.I., and was

stationed at the house of one Segars as guard to prevent the enemy from passing Narrow River, at the end of the month he marched to the town of Westerly.

September. He served as substitute for his Father, in the company commanded by Capt Wasson joined the company at the house of the Saml N. Babcock and marched to [?] Newtown where he joined the Battalion commanded by Major Joseph Pendleton he then joined General Army that he remained at this place eight or ten days he then took shipping at the place last aforesaid and landed at Rd. City where he was inspected by General Washington, there marched out of the City and encamped, when he remained until the end of the march, he then marched back to Westerly.

October he served by draft in the company commanded by Capta. Joshua Pendleton, and regmt commanded by Cool. Joseph Noyes, was stationed at Watch Hill Beach in Westerly, in this month the day he cannot recollect, he was in an engagement or skirmish with several British vessels, to wit, thirteen which were in Case of the Beaver an American Vessel commanded by Capt. Conklin the fire continued four or five hours when night came on and put an end to the firing, during the night the enemies vessels drew off except one which was founded on a rock, and taken the next morning by the Americans, from which were taken twelve [?] pounded and considerable or the property.

November. He served as substitute for his father in the company aforesaid commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton regmt by Col. Noges.

December. By draft at the aforesaid place, in the same company commanded by the said Joshua Pendleton regmt by [?] Noys.

January (1779) he served as substitute for his Father (Benj Lamphier) at the place and in the same company as aforesaid.

Feb. he was drafted in the aforesaid Company under the officers as before mentioned.

March. He served in [?] of his Father as aforesaid, the twenty fifth of this month he was discharged from service and returned home to his Fathers in the town of Westerly County of Washington State of Rhode Island.

And he further states that he has no documentary evidence of these his services during the revolutionary war and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can prove to testify to his service.

In answer to the interrogatories required by the war department, to be put to applicants for for [sic] pensions he answers as follows.

1. He was born in the town of Westerly County of Washington State of Rhode Island the 17th day of February in the year (1761).
2. His age was recorded in his Father's family Bible, and that a few years since it was taken off from his Father's and recorded in his sons.
3. He lived in the town of Westerly and County last aforesaid and State of R.I. That after the revolutionary war he moved to the town of Stongingtown in the County of New London and State of Conn where he resided 18 years in the year 1800 he moved to the town of Pitcher in the County of Chenango and state of N. York where he now resides.

4. The answer to this question is contained in the body of his declaration.
5. General Washington at Rhode Island City General Spencer at Foglands Ferry General Greene at Old[?]Newtown and such Continental and Militia regments and general circumstances that he can recollect an[d] contained in the body of his declaration.
6. He never had a written discharge was always discharged verbally by is officers.
7. He gives the names of Luther H. Peck a Clergyman of the Methodist Church of the town of Pitcher, Jared Chapel, Solomon Ensign, Justices of the Peace Amos Bond, Asa Kingon, Samuel B. Kingon and John R. Bond residents of the town of Pitcher and in his neighborhood, who can testify to his character for truth and veracity with whom he has been acquainted twenty four or thirty years, he also states that his health is porr [poor] and so disabled on account of his age that he can not attend court in person to make his affidavit without much [?] and injury to his health, and living about twenty miles from Court.

Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rool [roll] of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Benjamin Lamphier

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. The head Judge Chenango Common Pleas.