

Pension Application for John A. Lansing

W.16627 John A. Lansing and Elizabeth Fryer were married February 10, 1776. John died January 30, 1825.

State of New York

Albany County SS

Derick Hilton of the Town of Bethlehem, in said County, being duly sworn deposeseth as follows, to wit: I am a Pensioner of the United States, and am eighty years of age—

I was born on the 12th day of November 1755. I served in the Revolutionary War, in the company commanded by Captain Nicholas Jerolman, a Sergeant, Ensign & Lieutenant—said company was a militia company, belonging to Col. Jacob Lansing's Regiment & Genl Abraham TenBroeck's Brigade.

I well recollect John A. Lansing who was a private in our company and I knew him before he belonged to our Company in the year 1777, when he belonged to a company of Artificers, who were employed at Ticonderoga—afterwards in the same year, summer, in the fall he joined our company, and from the time he so joined it, he served on every tour of duty in which I was engaged.

And as far as I can now recollect, I served as follows, to wit:

In the year 1777 I served as an ensign in said company commanded by Capt. Jerolman, from about the 15th of March until about the 6th July—afterwards in the same year I served again in said company at Saratoga, Fort Edward, Stillwater & Bemis's Heights, in the months of July, August, September, & October, not less than three months—and the said John A. Lansing served as a private in said company on these tours.

In the year 1778 in the summer, I went with said company on a tour to Schoharie—and said Lansing was with us—Major Abraham Cuyler was our commanding officer—We served on this tour, not less than four weeks, at the Stone Church.

Our company officers were Capt Jerolman, Lt's Hallenbeck, Lansing and myself.

I recollect that Capt. Hume's company, & Capt. Yates's Company from Albany were there.

In the same year 1778 I was again in the service at Fort Hunter in the spring or summer—said Lansing was with us—We served in this term about two weeks, not less than two weeks.

In the months of October & November I was engaged in another tour of duty, from Albany to stone Arabia—said John A. Lansing was with us—Genl TenBroeck & Col. Lansing were also with us—nearly the whole Regiment were engaged on this tour—we served not less than four weeks on this tour of duty.

In the month of July 1779 I was again in the service on a tour to Fort Plain, on the Mohawk River—Genl Robert VanRensselaer from Claverack & Col. Wemple from Schenectady were there—Major Fonda from Watervliet was there with a part of his regiment—also a part of the Albany Regiment—We served on this tour, at least one month. Said John A. Lansing was with us on this tour.

I recollect that the Indians had murdered a number of the Inhabitants, and we buried them.—We buried nine persons in one grave—when we arrived in sight of the Village of Fort Plain, the church was on fire. It was set on fire by the Indians.

In the year 1780, in the month of September, I think, I was again in service at Fort Hunter, in said company, and said John A. Lansing was with us—Major Cuyler & Col. Wemple were also with us on this tour. Genl Robert VanRensselaer was also with us—On this expedition we had a skirmish with the British & Indians under the command of Sir John Johnson & a Capt Parker. We were in the service on this tour, not less than one month. I am certain that the said John A. Lansing was with us [?] private in our Company, in all the preceding tours of duty, from this time he joined our company in the month of July 1777.

I am also confident that Peter VanDeusen was also a private in said Company, and served in the several tours of duty above mentioned—I am informed that said VanDeusen's name is not found on the rolls of the said Company—I am not able to explain the reason why his name is omitted, but I knew him well, and cannot be mistaken as to the fact of his belonging to the said company—

I recollect that after the skirmish with the British & Indians as above stated, we went on to Fort Herkimer under the command of Genl VanRensselaer.

We had several regiments with us, one from Claverack, one from Albany & one from Watervliet—We mustered about 700 men—on our march from Fort Hunter to Fort Herkimer, we pushed on to overtake the enemy, but did not overtake them till we got to the German flats—Col. Dubois was there & was ordered to attack them—They retreated across the river at Little Falls—They waded across & so did we the next morning & marched on to Fort Herkimer—

We took seven prisoners who were wounded.

On our march, the said Peter VanDeusen got [burn?] & was allowed to mount a horse & ride & carried some packs—

I well recollect this circumstance—to the best of my knowledge I am now the only surviving officer of said Company—on the tour to Fort Hunter & Fort Herkimer, in the year 1780, Capt. Jeroleman was not with us – but the company was commanded by Lieut Isaac G. Lansing & myself. (Signed) Derick Hilton

Sworn to & subscribed this 1st day of December 1836 before me. L. Jenkins,
Com'r of Deeds