

Pension Application for Josiah Lathrop or Lothrop

W.26201 (Widow: Dorcas) Married June 10, 1824. He died February 28, 1854.

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State of New York

Chenango County SS.

On this sixth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before Robert Morrell Vice Chancellor of the Sixth District in the State of New York at a Court of Chancery now sitting in the town of Sherburn, County and State aforesaid Josiah Lathrop a resident of the town of Sherburn, County and State aforesaid, aged seventy 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 1, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served has as herein stated—and also that he enlisted in the Army of the United States as herein after stated.

He was born in the year 1757, in the County of Dutchess, State of New York, resided then sixteen years—then moved to Columbia County, (then Albany County) and resided there twenty years then moved to Chenango County where he now resides which was thirty nine years ago.

His first service was in the winter of 1775 & 1776. He turned out as a volunteer from New Concord in Columbia County to go to Johnstown, in Montgomery County to take a company of about five hundred who, it was said were Scotch and Tories, who has assembled themselves under Sir John Johnson as it was reported—went immediately to Johnstown (in Sleighs) under Col. Asa Waterman when Col. Waterman arrived at Johnstown with his troops, he sent in a Flag of truce—and gave the enemy, so long a time, to surrender in, and they complied with the times, and marched out, and grounded their arms, and surrendered. Continued there a few days and then returned home to Columbia County, Town of New Concord, was gone from home three or four weeks.

His next trip, he went as a volunteer in the fall of 1776, under Capt. Martin Beebee, thinks the Cols name was Frisby—marched first to Fort Edward—when they arrived at Fort Edward it was said some of the enemy had been seen on what was called Joseph's Patent, about twenty miles off—he was then set out then with a part of a Regt to make discoveries &c—saw no enemy while there—staid there three or four days – from Joseph's Patent, were dismissed and went home—out about six weeks, this trip.

His next service was in the year 1777.—news came that Genl Burgoyne had crossed Lake Champlain—he turned out as a volunteer under Capt. Josiah Warner—Col. William B. Whiting—marched immediately up to Fort Edward—marched all night—from Fort Edward to Fort George—it was reported that Burgoyne's Army was at Ticonderoga—and on their way to Fort George—they went up to Fort George to bring away what they could, and destroy the Fort, before Burgoyne got there—blew up the Fort and marched back to Fort Edward—as Burgoyne approached, they retreated back

as far as Saratoga—and staid there untill Genl Gates came in with his Army, then the Militia were dismissed untill further orders, and he returned home.

He then enlisted into the United States Army for one year as an Artificer—was in the summer of 1777, does not recollect the month—but thinks it was the last of August—first under Capt. James Young—then Monmouth Purdy came in Capt—he thinks Purdy was Capt. Some more than half of the year—this trip march[ed] first to NewBurgh—and from there to Peekskill—was there a few days, and while there the British went up the river to the Highlands and took the Fort—he then went up to Fishkill—when they arrived at Fishkill, the British had gone up to Sopus, (now Kingston), they were then ordered back to NewBurgh, this was about the time Genl. Burgoyne as taken with his Army and they continued there through the winter—

The next spring then were was six or eight sent out, near Shongham [Shawangunk? It is pronounced Shongum] back to NewBurgh to hewing timber, worked there about six weeks—then the Compy was collected together again at NewBurgh, and went up to Sopus Creek – and there raised Galley that had been run up the creek and sunk to keep it out of the way of the Enemy. Then went back to Fishkill—there he was taken sick and sent to the Hospital and staid there untill his year had expired, he then received a written discharge but what has become of it he does not know.

His next service he thinks was in the year 1779, went as a volunteer—from Columbia County to Fishkill—this trip it was rumored that Genl Washington was a going to take New York and wanted all of the Militia to come out. Went under Capt. Warner—was stationed at Fishkill about two months—he understood afterwards that Genl Washington did not intend to take New York but gave out such word in order to detain the British there which he intercepted some other point—after about two month[s] he was dismissed and went home.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and that he name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state. (Signed) Josiah Lothrop

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Robt Morrel, Vice Chancellor