

Pension Application for George Lawrence

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State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS.

Personally appeared by me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey the twentieth day of July—in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three George Lawrence who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath deposeth and saith that he is the same George Lawrence who being duly sworn according to law upon his oath deposeth and saith that he is the same George Lawrence—the applicant who appeared in open court before the Superior Court of Common Pleas held at New Baradoes in and for the County of Bergen on the thirty first day of October last and make oath to the accompanying Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution and also the same George Lawrence who at a special term of said Superior Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house the 27th day of June 1833 under oath made the answers to the following interrogatories propounded by the Court in Pursuance to the Directions of the War Department of the United States as annexed to the accompanying Declaration.

And this deponent further saith that he entered the service of the United States in the year of our Lord 177[?] as a drafted militia man in the company commanded by Captain Hendrick Tenure & served in that company in the year 1776 for the term of six full months and in the year 1777 he is certain he served three full months (in the company commanded by Captain Hendrick Tenure) being the one fourth part of the time he had to serve as a classed militia man (besides the service he rendered for other of his class).

And this deponent further saith that in the year 1778 & 1779 he is certain that he served six full months in each year—and the years of 1780 & 1781. He is certain that he served four full months in each year & for such service (as above stated) He claims a pension.

And for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. (Signed) George Lawrence

Sworn and subscribed to before me the 20th day of July 1833. David I. Christie
Justice of the Peace.

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On this first day of November in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Please [sic, Pleas] now sitting George Lawrence a resident of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, aged seventy four years, the twenty second day of April 1832, 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 7, 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 July 1776, he entered the service in a Company commanded by Capt. Hendrick Tenure, Walter VanOrder and Thomas Blauvelt was Lieutenants, and served in that company until the spring of the year 1782. That about the time of his entering the service the British Army having taken possession of New York and their shipping having sailed up the North river, the Militia was called out to guard the west shore of the Hudson River to prevent the enemy from landing to plunder, Burn and destroy, and there being no other force to protect the inhabitants in the now County of Rockland and the County of Bergen I volunteered my services and served in the aforesaid Company and for the first year was most continually out on duty, and in the latter part of the year 1777, the militia was put in classes of four men in a class and each man in the class was obliged to do his part of duty and serve the fourth part of his time or furnish a man in his place, and I not only served my own tower [tour] of duty but served much of the time of others of my class, and can safely say that I was out on duty full half of the time during the years 77-78 & 79, except in the severe part of the winter when we had a little rest, and in the years 80 & 81, our service was something less, that the war was commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, in the latter part of Col'n Gilbert Cooper.

That he had to keep guard along the river—from Fort Lee—to Stony Point, and the company to which I belonged was stationed at different places along the river as the Captain received orders, and very often was ordered out on Scouts through different part of the countys of Bergen and what is now Rockland County, in the State New York and very often had small engagements with parties of the eninies [enemies] who would march through the country to plunder and destroy, and very often when it was my turn to be at home, whenever there was an alarm I would immediately take my equipments, proceed to the place of danger, join the first officers that I met with, and was out from three to ten days before I got home, which made it almost one continued [?] of duty, to state positively the time I served during the revolutionary war I am not now able to do, but verily believe, that it exceeds two years, that during the war or until the Spring of the year 1782, he resided in the now town of Clarkstown County of Rockland and State of New York, since 1782 he has resided three years in Westchester county, ten years in the City of New York and the remainder of his time in the Township of Franklin aforesaid, that he has no documentary evidence of his services, and all the positive testimony he can offer is the deposition of some of his fellow soldiers who reserved with him in the Revolutionary War.

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 with his mark) George Lawrence

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Abr. Westwell Clerk