

Pension Application for Samuel Lawrence

S.23758

State of New York

Westchester County SS

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Westchester, now sitting Samuel Lawrence of the Town of South Salem in the said County of Westchester aged seventy two years on the twenty third day of January last 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 viz.

That on or about the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight this declarant enlisted at Crumpond in the said County of Westchester(in a company of New York State troops commanded by Captain John Drake), as a private for nine months, and faithfully served as a private in said company during the whole time or his said enlistment, till about the last day of December in the year of our Lord 1778 this Declarant was regularly & honorably discharged at Young's House in the said County of Westchester by Lieutenant Abm VanWort then the commanding officer of said company.

That the aforesaid Company belonged to Col. Morris Graham's Regiment in the said County of Westchester and were employed while this Declarant served therein as aforesaid till the fall of the same year as a Guard on the American Lines at White Plains Turkey Hoe & other places in the said County of Westchester and Late in the fall of that year Declarant with his said company removed to Youngs House aforesaid where they continued to guard the Lines & go out on Scouting parties till Christmas eve of that year—when said company was attacked at said house by a Detachment of British Refugees commanded by one Major Baremore, what took said house & Capt. Daniel Williams of said Graham's Regiment Joseph Youngs & served others prisoners & killed several men.

That this declarant afterwards at Bedford in the said County of Westchester on or about the first of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty (as near as this Declarant can now recollect of State) enlisted as a private in a company of volunteers commanded by Cap'n Richard Sackett and Lieutenant William Mosher for the period of six months and this declarant faithfully served as a private in said company during the whole of his last mentioned enlistment of six months, and was honorably discharged at Wright Carpenter's House in the Town of North Castle in the said County of Westchester. That said last mentioned company while this declarant belonged to it as aforesaid was employed in this the said County and on the American Lines in the same county as a guard and to protect the Americans and their property above the lines—

And this declarant further states. That afterwards and about the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two he this Declarant enlisted at Middle Patent in the said County of Westchester as a private in a company of Levies commanded by Cap'n Thomas Hunt in Col. Frederick Weisenfel's Regiment, and in which company Azariah Tuthill and Samuel Youngs were Lieutenants) for the space of nine months and this Declarant faithfully served in the said last mentioned company during the whole of his last mentioned enlistment of nine months and was honorably discharged at Bedford in the said County of Westchester on or about the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty three and this declarant further states that the said last mentioned company while this declarant served in it as aforesaid, was stationed and employed during the whole of his said last mentioned enlistment on the American Lines in the said County of Westchester.

And this Declarant further states that this Declarant's father Samuel Lawrence of South Salem in the said County of Westchester during the Revolutionary War was a Lieutenant and part of the time a Captain of a Company of Militia within the said County of Westchester and this Declarant served in the militia t various times during the Revolutionary war for short periods of time and was in the winter of the year of our Lord 1777 down at Valentine Hill in the Said County under Col'l Nicholas Fish and on their return this declarant was present in the service at the attack on Wards House in said County where one Lieutenant Paddock belonging to the American Troops was killed.

And this Declarant further states. That he was born on the 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty at New Canaan in the State of Connecticut as appears by the Record of this declarant's age in a family Record this declarant has at his residence—but which he cannot now produce in Court and he further states that he was born at New Canaan aforesaid and when eleven years of age he removed with his father to South Salem aforesaid where this Declarant has ever resided and still resides and where he resided at the several times he enlisted and entered the American service as aforesaid. That he always volunteered. That he never received a written Discharge from the service neither has he any Documentary or written evidence of his aforesaid enlistments services or discharges.

And this Declarant further states. That John Brown now of the Town of South Salem in the said County of West Chester belonged to the aforesaid Company of Captain John Drake and served with this Declarant in said Company during the whole of his aforesaid enlistment and service of nine months in said company and can testify to the same.

And this declarant further states that Solomon Mills now of the Town of South Salem aforesaid belonged to Cap'n Richard Sackett's Company and served with this Declarant in said last mentioned company during his aforesaid enlistment and service of six months therein as aforesaid and can Testify to the same, and he further states that Samuel Youngs Esquire now of the Town of White Plains in the said County of

Westchester, served as second lieutenant in Cap'n Thomas Hunts Company with this declarant during his aforesaid enlistment & service of nine months in said company as above stated and can testify to the same.

And this Declarant further states that he is known in his present neighbourhood to Solomon Mead and Thomas Mean both of the Town of South Salem aforesaid who can testify as to this Declarant Character for veracity, their belief of his age and of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And this declarant 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) Samuel Lawrance

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. N. Bayles, Clk