

Pension Application for Lawrence Lawson

W.20422 (Widow: Phebe)

Letter in folder dated February 23, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Lawrence Lawson, a pensioner of Albany County, New York.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.20422, based upon service of Lawrence Lawson in the Revolutionary War.

Lawrence Lawson was born in the month of December 1746, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; the day of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Cortland Manor, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted, served as a private in Captain Benedict's New York company, went to Albany by water, thence to St. John's, Canada, joined the troops under general Montgomery, was at the taking of St. John's, after which he was stationed at Montreal until after General Montgomery was killed, then marched back to Westchester County, having served six months and twenty-one days. After his return, he belonged to Captain Hyatt's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's regiment of New York troops, and was called out frequently. He enlisted about July 1782, and served four months in Captain [blurred] Colonel Frederick Weisenfel's New York Regiment.

The soldier moved about the year 1800 from Westchester County, New York, to Coeymans, Albany County, New York.

Lawrence Lawson was allowed pension on his application executed December 21, 1833, at which time he resided in Coeyman's New York. He died there March 16, 1834.

Lawrence Lawson married at Crompond (later Peekskill) Westchester County, New York, Phebe Nodyne; they were married by a Minister at the public Meeting House, and a supper was served at her father's house afterwards; the names of her parents are not shown. Phebe stated that she was married in April 1775; however, other sworn statements show and the date of said marriage as March 15, 1776, also in 1777. No record of their marriage was made by either Lawrence or Phebe Lawson.

Phebe Lawson, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed July 19, 1842, at which time she was aged eighty eight years. She resided in Coeymans, Albany County, New York.

Lawrence Lawson and his wife, Phebe, had children; the name of only one child was designated, that of William Lawson. In August 1843, he was in Coeymans, New York, and gave his age as sixty years. He stated that during the "troubles of the Revolution", his parents were obliged to move from place to place for security, and that they were dependent entirely upon recollection for the aged of their children.

In 1843, one Lydia Devoux, of Coeymans, New York, gave her age as eighty-three years; she stated that she was acquainted with Phebe Nodyne from childhood, that they lived in Crompond, that they both moved in 1800 to Coeymans, Albany County, New York, where they had lived ever since. Said Lydia stated that she was born March 15, and that Phebe was married to Lawrence Lawson on her birthday.