

### **Pension Application for Samuel Lawson**

S.13700

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the "act of Congress", passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September personally appeared in open court before the court of common pleas, now sitting, Samuel Lawson a resident of the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy one 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess and State of new York in the year 1761, is seventy years of age as will appear by his family record now in the possession [can't read a line].

That he entered the service of the United States in the fall of 1777 as a volunteer at Crum Pond in the County of Westchester where he then lived under John Drake as Captain. Smith Heddey (as he believes) Lieutenant Peter Lane, Orderly Sergeant, Joseph Strang Major & Samuel Drake Colonel and remembers as then associated with him in service. Captain Henry Strang, Captain -----Heddy, Captain Ezekiel Hyat, Adjutant Jacob Brinkerhoff, Captain -----VanWyck, Captain Samuel Haight, Colonel John Hyat, Captain Alvain Purdy, Lieutenant Obidah Purday & General----VanCortlandt. That he remained in service about 3 years until after the execution of Andre during which time he was engaged in various skirmishes along the Hudson River and was at White Plains, New Castle, North Castle, Bedford & Morisena in the County of Westchester and at the Barracks in Fishkill during said three years service but the particulars of his service and the precise time when he was at the places before mentioned he is unable to set forth. That Ensign Gilbert Strang and Major----Bradford officers int eh standing army were associated with him in service while at Barracks in Fishkill.

And your applicant further states on his oath in aforesaid that he again enlisted as a volunteer for nine months in the spring of 1781 at Crum Pond in the County of Westchester under -----Sacket as Captain, -----Mosher as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant & Reuben Tucker as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant & remembers as there associated with him in service Captain -----Williams, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Michael Dykeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant---Oakley and a portion of the time Colonel -----Scammel. That only two companies lay there together who were engaged in guarding the lines. That he remained in service nine months during which time he was engaged in various skirmishes (the particulars of which he is unable to set forth).

That he received a regular discharge signed by Lieutenant Mosher who was then commanding Officer as Captain, Sacket had been taken by Colonel Holmes a British Officer who deserted from the Americans (as your applicant believes) at Kingsbridge. That after the close of the war your applicant moved to the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess, and State of New York where he now resides.

That he has lost his discharge and can produce no documentary evidence, of his service. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service other than Libbeus Howe and Jothan Hawkes whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

That he is not acquainted with any Clergyman in his immediate vicinity and therefore produces other witnesses to make the certificate required, by the war department to wit: Benjamin Hasbrook & Joseph J. Horton.

And your applicant 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 and further declares not. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Lawson

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.