

### **Pension Application for William Leary**

W.8246 (Widow: Harriet) Married August 1, 1775. William died Dec 12, 1832.

William Leary was born 17 December 1754

Harriett Elsworth was born 11 Apr 1758

Married 1 Aug 1775. W. Leary died 12 Dec. 1832, age 79 years.

Jno Wm Leary was born at [?] 28 July 1776 died Apr 1812 at [?]

Wm Leary Junr was born Pompton 9 Apl 1779.

Harriet Leary was born Pompton 13 March 1781, died 30 Aprl 1784, New York

James Leary was born Chatham Oct 1783 died 12 Oct 1812.

Andrew S. Leary was born Chatham 1 Oct died Aug 1824.

Elizabeth Leary was born New York 23 Sept 1785

Harriett C. Leary was born New York 11 Nov 1787.

Mariah D. Leary was born Bloomingdale 19 June 1790.

Mayreth D. Leary was born Bloomingdale 23 Dec 1792, died 8 Oct 1821.

Edward D. Lary was born Bloomingdale 19 May 1796.

On the 2[?] day of October 1836, personally appeared before me William Colfax one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Bergen in the State of New Jersey being a Court of Record so constituted by the laws of the State of New Jersey, William Leary a resident of Pompton Township Bergen County aged 78 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United [States] early in the year 1775, to the best of his recollection in the month of April as Town Major for the City of New York, duly appointed and Commissioned by the Provincial Congress of the State of New York and served till the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1776—when his service, as Town Major was dispensed with by a resolution of the said provincial Congress of that date

The Continental Troops at this time had taken possession of the City, when a Depr Adjs general refined the duties before done by a Town Major—That his service as Town Major about one year, but of that he cannot be more particular, having lost his Trunk & commission in the retreat of the main army from New York under Genl Washington.

After the evacuation of New York he attached himself to the army as a volunteer was with Genl Lee at the time he was taken prisoner at [?]town below Morristown as an assistant and aid de Camp—himself and Colonel Scammel was sent on by Genl Lee to Phukemin to hasten the movement of the army in their absence, Genl Lee was taken prisoner by the British Light horse.

I do hereby certify to the Hon the Secy at War and Com'r of Pensins that William Leary who made his application for a pension under on the 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1832 under the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832—sustained as character of credibility to the day of his death. The 12 Dec 1832—and was in [?]to testify under oath & further certify I have been well acquainted with the said Wm. Leary for something more than fifty years. Wm. Colfax, J Peace

11<sup>th</sup> June 1834

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