

Pension Application for John LeFoy

R.6270

Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of congress of June the Seventh Eighteen Hundred and thirty two in addition and Explanation of the Revolutionary Services of John Lefoy.

New Jersey

Morris County SS.

Personally appeared before me William Monro one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County John Lefoy a Revolutionary Solder of the United States who being by me first sworn according to Law doth on oath make the following additional Declaration and Explanation to the Declaration by him made before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of said County on the 20th day of March last in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832—to wit.

That the company of Volunteer Militia from Tappan Rockland County N.Y. under the command of Capt. Jacob Blauvelt and in which he served and done his services as a Seargeant in the Revolutionary War was also further officered by Lieut ---Conkling, Ensign-----Hadley, the major not Distinctly Recollected but thinks his name was Smith and said Company was under the Command of Col ----Lieut of the N. York Militia—and that the Company of Capt. Blauvelt to which this deponent Belonged having volunteered their Services to the State authorities of N. Y. for an unlimited period for Common Defence, the services of said Company was accepted by the State authorities and was equipt and held in Constatnt Requisition for Common Defence.

And that this deponent on the 15th day of August 1780 was by order of Capt. Jacob Blauvelt placed in charge of said Telegraphic and alarm post at Tappan as Seargeant thereof, which post was Established by General Washington as an alarm post, Guard House, and Hospital—that this post was under the special Command and Charge of Capt Blauvelt by order of General Washington—and by order of Capt. Blauvelt this Deponent was placed in Charge and Command of said post as Seargeant thereof and also in charge of a picket guard stationed at said post to guard the same and further that the enemy at this period had possession of the City of N. York and also of a Block House garrisoned by them in Bergen Woods not more than 15 miles distant from the post under his Command, and were Constantly annoying and Depredating upon the persons and property of American Citizens, which kept the surrounding County in Constant State of alarm and Defence, and Capt. Blauvelts Company in Constant and active duty untill the enemy were finally Dislodged by Genl Wayne of the Pensylvania [Pennsylvania] Line from said Block House, the particular period of their Desloagement [sic] this deponent does not Recollect and this deponent further saith that the water privileges around New York which the enemy possessed while in N. York gave them every advantage over the Surrounding Country, and that they were Continually Robbing, murdering and burning and otherwise jeopardising or Destroying the Lines and property of American Citizens Living within the Scope of their Depredations, and also that the wounded and prisoners were being from time to time broght [brought] to the Post under his Command for safe keeping and medical

treatment during the whole period of his services as Seargeant of said post, and further saith that the company of Captain Blauvelt having volunteered their services to the State of N. York for an unlimited period, they were retained by the state authorities as a Standing Corps of Defence in Case of sudden Emergency and were never discharged from active duty whenever necessary untill peace or suspension of Hostilities in Feby 1783 untill which period this Deponent as a Seargeant in Capt. Blauvelt's Company from 15th of August 1780 untill Feby 1783 continued in active command and charge of said Guard House and Telegraphic or alarm post at Tappan aforesaid by order of Capt Blauvelt as Seargeant thereof, when he was there fully and Honourably Discharged verbally by Capt. Blauvelt from any further active duty in the war of the Revolution and further saith that there is not any Resident Clergyman in the Vicinity or near where he Resides and cannot therefore obtain the Certificate of a Clergyman to his papers and further saith not. (Signed) John LeFoy

Sworn and Subscribed before me the first day of July 18733. Wm. Mibri