

Pension Application for Isaac Lent

R.6287

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester—now sitting at White Plains in the said County of Westchester Isaac Lent a Resident of the Town of Yonkers in the County of Westchester and state of New York aged eighty years on the twenty fifth day of November 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.

That he this declarant mustered at the Town of Westchester in the said County of Westchester on the twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two as this declarant has been informed and verily believes to be true but has no record of his age.

That when he was about eight years old he removed with his father to what was then called Phillips Manor now the Town of Yonkers in the said County of Westchester and continued to reside there with his father (Jacob Lent) till about the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, when one Cap'n Edward Palmer with some Refugees attacked his father's house in the dead of night and dragged this declarant out of his bed by the hair of his head and when they had got him out of Doors and bound him, the said Palmer & his Refugees were driven off and two of their Guns captured by this declarants Sister Martha (now the wife of Benjamin Dyckman of the Town of Cortlandt in the said County of Westchester) and his father the said Jacob Lent.

That this declarant then found it would be useless and unsafe for him any longer to remain at home & the next day quit and went up to the American Troops under the Command of Col. James Hammond and Major Joseph Strang then lying at Youngs House in the Town of Mount Pleasant in the said County of Westchester—and in the month of June 1777 joined himself to the Regiment of Levies as a volunteer Guide then commanded by the aforesaid Col. James Hammond and commenced drawing pay at the rate of ninety Dollars per months in Continental money and rations.

That he this Declarant continued to serve as such Guide with the said Col Hammond for about two months thereafter when Col. Sheldon with his Regiment of Horse came on the American Lines in the said County of Westchester, when this Declarant was transferred as a volunteer Guide under the command of the said Col. Sheldon when this declarant obtained a Horse from his father and drew a pair of Pistols & military boots from Col. Sheldon and done duty as a mounted volunteer Guide in said Sheldon's regiment till the taking of Fort Montgomery near West Point

when Sheldon left the lines in this County and this deponent was taken sick with a fever and continued for three months sick under the Physicians hands at the House of John Fosberry near Youngs House in the said County of Westchester—

While he was under the command of Col Sheldon as aforesaid and he was taken sick and shortly after he had attached himself as such volunteer Guide to that Regiment—

That after this declarant had recovered his health he again attached himself as a volunteer guide to a Regiment of men under the command of Col. Guess then on the American Lines in the said County of Westchester and this Declarant continued to serve with the said Col. Guess as such Guide till about the first day of January AD 1778, when this Declarant attached himself as a volunteer Guide to different companies and detachments of Militia belonging to said Col. Hammonds Regiment. Then guarding the Lines in said County and this Declarant continued to serve as such Guide with such detachments of Militia till the spring of the year AD 1778, when Col Morris Graham came on the Lines in the said County of Westchester with a Regiment of Levies to which regiment this Declarant then attached himself as such volunteer Guide till the summer of the year AD 1778.

When Genl Washington's guard Army came into the said County of Westchester when this Declarant attached himself as a Guide to the Infantry belonging to Genl Washington's Army, till his army moved off to the Northward in the fall of that year when this Declarant joined himself as such volunteer Guide to a Partisan Corps under the Command of Col. Guess in the said County of Westchester with whom he continued to serve for about the space of two months when Col Guess with his Corps left the said County and this Declarant returned and did Duty as such Guide with the Remains of Col. Morris Grahams Regiment of Levies under the command of Capt Williams till Christmas eve of that year.

When said Cap'n Williams was taken prisoner at Youngs House in said County by the British Refugees under the command of Major Baremore, and said Company dispersed.

That about the month of January AD 1779 this declarant attached himself as a volunteer Guide, to a Detachment of Continental Troops commanded by Col. Aaron Burr on the Lines in the said County of Westchester with whom this Declarant continued to serve as such Guide while he Col. Burr remained on the Lines. Then Major Hull came on the said Lines and this declarant continued to serve with him as such Guide while he remained in the said County we afterwards with Detachments of Militia in the said County till the summer of the last mentioned year.

When Col. Alman as he has called came on to the American Lines in the said County with a Detachment of about 300 men with whom this Declarant served till late in the fall of the last mentioned year as such volunteer Guide when said Col. Almond quit and this Declarant Continued to serve as such Guide to different companies & Detachments of Militia in said County and as a Guide to Col Thompson's Companies Detachments till Thompson's defeat at Youngs House in the winter of 1780.

And this declarant further states that he continued to serve as such volunteer Guide to the different parties and Detachments of American troops in said County of Westchester till the month of February AD 1781 When this Declarant was married and did not (except a few times) serve after his marriage as such Guide.

And this Declarant further states that all of his aforesaid services were rendered within the said County of Westchester as a volunteer Guide to the American officers and Troops that that were from time to time within the same County.

That this Declarant never received any commission or Discharge in writing during all of his aforesaid services but drew pay during all the time aforesaid at the rate of \$90 per month and rations for himself & his Horse.

That this declarant continued regularly with the American Troops acting as such Guide as aforesaid from the month of June 1777 to the month of February 1781 as aforesaid without any interruption except during his aforesaid three months sickness & occasional absences by permission of the officers in Command.

That this Declarant while serving as such Guide as aforesaid nor recollects the following. Any regiments & expeditions in which he acted as such Guide as aforesaid viz in the year 1779.

This Declarant led a party of Col. Amands Regiment then stationed in said County of Westchester (as a Guide) to Hunts Point on the East River and Captured Major Baremore and George Oglesby of the British Army and brought them prisoners in the American Lines—and on various occasions this Declarant acted as a Guide to parties of American Troops when going to Morrisania and within the British Lines And was with them as a Guide when they burnt the Huts in Morrisania in the winter of 1781—as a volunteer as aforesaid.

That this declarant never received any written discharge neither has he now any written or Documentary evidence relating to his aforesaid service nor Discharge during the Revolutionary War.

But this declarant said – That during the Revolutionary War. But this Declarant saith that during the Revolutionary war he frequently received from the American Officers or commanders in the said County of Westchester under whom this Declarant served as aforesaid. Written orders passess [passes] and Documents of different kinds all of which have been either lost or Destroyed and he cannot now produce the same.

That this declarant although he received pay as such volunteer Guide as aforesaid at the rate of ninety Dollars per month yet it was always in Continental money the only currency then used in the Continental Army which remained on his hands and he came very much Depreciated in so much that during his aforesaid services as such Guide he & his Brother then (in laid) paid three thousand five hundred five hundred Dollars in Continental money for one horse north about two hundred silver dollars—

That this declarant recollects the following Regular Officers and Continental & Militia regiments That were with the troops where he served as aforesaid. Viz Genl George Washington, Genl Gates, Genl McDougal, Col. Philip VanCortlandt, Col. Guess,

Col'l Armand, Col. Morgan of the Riflemen Col. Morris Graham, Col. Meigs, Col. Aaron Burr, Major Wm Hull, Col. Sheldon, Major Lee of the Southern Light Horse also the following Continental Regiments, Col. VanCortlandt's, Col. Morris Graham's Regiment, Col Meig's Regiment, Col Morgan's, Riflemen, Col. Sheldon's Regiment, Col. Guess's four companies called a Regiment—also the following Militia Regiments in Col. James Hammond's.

And this Declarent further states that he is known in his present neighbourhood to: Genl Jacob O'dell and Caleb Smith both of the said County of Westchester, who can testify as to this Declarent's character for veracity, their belief of his age and of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, and there is no clergymen living in his vicinity who can testify to the same and he 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 with his mark) Isaac Lent

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid. A. Bayles,
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