

## **Pension Application for Jacob Lent**

S.13739

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Genesee Jacob Lent a resident of the town of Covington in the said County aged Seventy five years and upwards 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 at a place called Courtlands Manor in the County of Westchester and State of New York on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1757, as he has always understood from his parents and believes to be true and as it appears from the record of his age, in the hand writing of his father, Abraham Lent, now in his possession.

That in the month of February 1777, he resided in the town of East town in the County of Washington and State of New York, and Enlisted at that place in the said month of February under Captain John Varney in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment for Nine Months. That he was stationed during the term of service in the neighborhood of Stillwater, Fort Edward, and near Saratoga Lake in Saratoga County N.Y. and remained in the service three months and a half when he hired a Substitute by the name of Smith, that previous to being the said Substitute and in the spring after his enlistment he was employed on board the Batteaus in transporting Provisions and ammunition from Still Water to Fort Miller.

That while his said Substitute was in the service and before this time, had expired General Burgoyne's Army marched into the Country from the North and he with the inhabitants generally fled before them and went below Albany for safety; that immediately after the battle of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1777 returned to Easton and with other inhabitants was drafted into the service and was employed in scouting and in direction the way of the Eastern Troops but so various and irregular was the service at this time that he cannot now either remember the names of the officers under whom he served nor the length of time he was out but from the best man of judging whether his power to use the things he served at least [?] days.

In the summer of 1778 and after the surrender of Burgoyne he volunteered his services under Captain VanVoort and in Col. McCreas Regiment, marched to Fort Edward and served at least three months; and immediately afterwards, in the same neighborhood he served six weeks in General Tenbrooks Brigade, but in what Regiment or under what Captain does not now recollect.

In the fall of the same year that he was drafted and joined Captain Chipman in Col. Warner's Regiment, again marched to Fort Edward and served at that time about three months.

That in the spring of the year 1779 he was again drafted, again attached to Captain Chipman's Company again marched to Fort Edward and remained six weeks; and in the fall of the same year was again drawn, and attached to Captain VanVoorts

Company and was stationed at a place then called Palmerstown where he remained tour of two weeks.

That in the fall of the year 1780 he was again drawn and again served under Captain VanVoort at Saratoga about two weeks.

That previous to the several times of service above mentioned (and which should have been first stated) and in the fall of the year 1775 this applicant Volunteered his services under Captain Ganvoorts in Col. McCreas Regiment, and marched to Fort Edward and Fort Anne, and was employed in making and repairing the road from Fort Edward to Fort Anne; on this tour he was out three or four weeks when he was dismissed and returned home.

That in the year "76" he was called out in an alarm, and went to Fort Edward, where he remained a few weeks, and how long or under what officers he cannot now remember. But he feels very confident, that he served during the war of the Revolution at least three years.

That he lived in the said town of Easttown until he was about forty six years of age when he removed to the town of Minden in the County of Herkimer N.Y. or Montgomery Co., where he remained about fifteen years, and then removed to Sullivan in Maddison [Madison] County, where he remained about three years, when he removed to Eaton where he lived one year and then removed to Covington Genesee County where he now resides, upon the charity of his son, having no means of supporting himself.

That he had a written discharge signed by Captain John Varney but that said discharger is lost.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person except Isaac Stone who can testify to his having rendered service, but that Wilber Hoag, Seth Matteson, Amazih Babbins can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having rendered services in the War of the Revolution.

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) Jacob Lent

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk