

Pension Application for Jacob Lent

W.8244 (Widow: Belinda) Married Belinda Tuttle September 18, 1799. Jacob died at Hyde Park, Dutchess County October 10, 1839.

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State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this Third day of December in the year A.D. 1833, personally appeared before the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Jacob Lent, a resident of the town of Haverstraw, in the County of Rockland and State of New York, aged 79 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on the last of July or the first of August, in the year 1776, he volunteered (at Haverstraw aforesaid) for four months, in a company commanded by Capt Edward William Kears in a regiment commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay and was stationed as guard at different places along the Hudson River in the now town of Haverstraw, to wit: At Stony Point, at Grassy Point, at the old Dock and at the Long Clove, doing guard duty, and was verbally discharged about the first of December 1776, having fully served out the term of four months.

That on or about the first of April 1777, he enlisted at Haverstraw aforesaid, for one year in a company commanded by Capt. William Slow, in a regiment commanded by Col'n Udne Hay, and was stationed as a guard at Stony Point, where he remained doing guard duty, until the British army came there and then he went with the company to Fort Montgomery, and before the British army came there they went to West Point where they remained sometime, and then went to Fishkill, where they remained—doing guard duty, until the British army returned to New York when they returned to Stony Point, where they remained doing guard duty until some time in the month of April 1778, his term of enlistment being expired, he was verbally discharged and went home.

That on or about the first of May 1778, he enlisted for three months (at Haverstraw aforesaid) in a company commanded by Capt. John Garner, in A. Hawks Hay's regiment, and was marched to Clarkstown where they lay some length of time, and then was marched to Tappan Town where they lay sometime doing guard duty and frequently while we lay there, we went out on scouts through different parts of the county of Bergen, in the state of New Jersey, and then returned to Clarkstown, and remained there until the term of enlistment was expired, when he was discharged and he went home, while laying at Clarkstown, some of the company was frequently sent to guard at the Hudson river at Nyack and those that went would remained until next day—when others was sent, and he performed his part of that duty.

That on or about the first of September 1778, he again volunteered his service under the aforesaid John Garner in Col'n Hays regiment and served one month, doing guard duty along the Hudson river at Haverstraw.

That on or about the first of June 1779, he again volunteered his service in the aforesaid Company Stationed at Haverstraw, the British then being in Possession of Stony Point, a strong guard was then kept near the said point to prevent the enemy [enemy] from sallying out to plunder and destroy the inhabitants which fortification they remained in possession of (except a short time after it was taken by Gen Wayne) until late in the fall or beginning of the winter of the said year, and he continued with the said company doing guard duty, at different stations in the said town, until about the first of November of the same year, being five months.—

That he did serve in the year 1780, 81, & 82, in the said company but being now unable to state the precise periods and the time and length of each service, he hereby relinquishes all claim for the same and only for the above recited twenty five months service as a private [private], he claims a pension and during which time he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

That he was born in the town of Haverstraw aforesaid in the year 1754.

That he has no record of his age, and all the information he has thereof is by tradition from his parents.

That from his infancy to the present time he has always resided in the now town of Haverstraw aforesaid.

That his services was by enlistment and voluntarily performed.

That he was at times in company with Gen'l Washington, Putman, Clinton, and Wayne's troops.

That he (to the best of his recollection) never received a written discharge for any of his services, but was verbally discharged.

That he is personally known to George S. Allison Esqr, Matthew Benson, John Felter, John Springsted, Richard Dickens and many other Citizen of the town of Haverstraw, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Lent.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. G. S. Allison, Judge &c.