

Pension Application for Simon Le Roye

S.13730

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On this 21st day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga & State of New York now sitting Simon LeRoye resident in the town of Owasco in the County of Cayuga aforesaid [aforesaid] aged seventy two 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the spring of the year 1776 as he believes, then being a resident of the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York he entered the service as a substitute for one Simon LeRoy, his uncle, in a company of militia but the name of his officers he does not remember and cannot set forth, that he marched with said company to fort "Constitution" where he was stationed and continued to serve a term of two months.

That he was employed during said term in building fortifications and keeping guard—that soon after the close of said last mentioned service—he removed from Poughkeepsie to the town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster – that in the latter part of Summer of the year aforesaid as he believes he again entered said service as a substitute for his father Michael LeRoye in the company of militia commanded by Capt. Hosbrook (the names of his other officers he does not remember) that he marched with said company to New Windsor, and from thence crossed the river to FishKill where he continued a term of one month—that he started to march to New York as he belives, but had orders to return home whilst at FishKill aforesaid.

He further says that from the time he returned from said last mentioned services until the fall of 1782 as he believes he was engaged in said service in five monthly tours as a guard upon the frontiers—that the country was constantly harassed by the Indians and Torys and that a part of the militia company to which he belonged was constantly in service as a guard & as Indian spys to give notice of the approach of the enemy—that a small party would go out for one month and would return and then another party would go out for one month and so on in monthly tours—that during his first monthly tour he was stationed at Luran Kill at the house of Capt. Broadhead—

The second time at Napenaugh at the house of Henry Kittle at the house of Capt Broadhead—the second time at Napenaugh at the house of Henry Kittle—during the third month at Wawascan at the house of Johannes Hardenburgh, during the fourth months at Big Chendaken at the residence of one --- Longyare—and during the fifth month at Little Chendaken at the house of one William Brown—that the name of the Captain of the militia company to which he belonged was Peleg Ransom—the Lieut Daniel Potter – the Ensign Elisha Lester.

That he seldom served under either the said officers—but generally under a non commissioned officer—that he was out at one other time than above stated and continued out about three quarters of a month that part of said time was spent as a guard at a place called Pocatocan, that after spending about two weeks at that place—the said party stationed there as guard removed with the inhabitants to Marbltown—thn lay a short time at Chendaken, and returned again to Pocatocan to bring a man who had been killed, from thence he returned home—that he is unable to state the particular times that said services were performed, but that they were performed as his turn came round in the said militia company—

He further says that in the fall of 1777, he entered said service as a substitute for one Josiah Burgess in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Cortright in the Regiment commanded by Col. Graham and Major John Cantine, that he marched with said company first to Albany and from thence that he marched with said company first to Albany and from thence to Still Water to meet the army of Gen Burgoine—that he continued at that place until Burgoine was taken and continued in said service a term of three months when he was discharged at Albany aforesaid—that he never received a written discharge from said service and has no other proof thereof than the accompanying affidavit – that at Saratoga he saw Gen Gates, and was in the Brigade of Gen. Glover that he is blind, so much so that he is unable to distinguish one object from another—that he has no property a means of obtaining a subsistence but from the charity of his friends.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed with his mark) Simon LeRoye

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Michael S. Myers, Clerk.
September 21, 1832.

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you express appreciation for the War of 1812 record of James LeRoy and request, further, the Revolutionary War records of any soldiers with the surname LeRoy to aid you to trace your ancestral lines.

Because of the great demand for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 data, and the limited clerical force available for furnishing such information, it is impossible to make a series of investigations and reports pertaining to soldier of those wars.

As your ancestor, James LeRoy, was of New York State, that fact has been considered and in the effort to aid you further, the pension records of the Revolutionary War have been searched for records of any LeRoys or Le Rays who served in the New York troops. One only was found, that of Simon LeRoye. His record follows as found in pension claim, S.13730, based upon his service in that war.

Simon LeRoye, as his name appears in the claim, was the son of Michael. The date and place of birth and name of the mother of Simon LeRoye are not shown.

While a resident of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1776 and served two months at Fort Constitution, as a substitute for his

uncle, Simon LeRoy, names of officers not given. Soon after the above-notes service, he moved to New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, and in the latter part of the summer of 1776, enlisted and served one month as a substitute for his father, Michael LeRoye, in Captain Hasebrouck's New York company. He enlisted in the fall of 1777, served three months as a private in Captain Benjamin Kortright's company, Colonel John Graham's New York regiment and was at the surrender of Burgoyne. From the time of his return home at the expiration of his service in Captain Hasebrouck's company, until the fall of 1782, he served five tours of one month each, and another tour of three weeks (exclusive of the tour in 1777) as a private guarding the frontiers, in Captain Peleg Ransen's New York company.

Simon LeRoye was allowed pension on his application executed September 21, 1832, while a resident of Owasco, Cayuga County, New York. At that time he stated he was seventy-two years of age and blind.

There are no family data on file in the claims other than the references to soldier's father and uncle above named.