

Pension Application for Gilbert Lewis

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At a Court of Chancery held for the State of New York at the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess on the tenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four. Present Charles H. Ruggles Vice Chancellor of the Second Circuit.

On this day personally appeared in open court before this Court of Chancery for the second Circuit in the State of New York now sitting Gilbert Lewis, a resident of the town of Pleasant Valley in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged about sixty nine 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 first day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, being then about sixteen, years old he, by the consent of his father, entered the service of the United States as a substitute for John VanVoorhis in Captain Gilbert Livingston's Company in Colonel Pauldings regiment of the militia of the State of New York, for the term of nine months; that he entered such service at the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess aforesaid, where he then resided, that he joined the company at that place and went thence by water on the Hudson river to Saugerties in the County of Ulster, and thence west into the woods, and was stationed to guard the frontiers in the County of Ulster, and thence west into the woods, and was stationed to guard the frontiers against the Indians along the Cattskill Mountains; that the company to which deponent was attached was stationed at a picket fort, and was engaged during the time he served in reconnoitering the neighbourhood the deponent understood that the other companies of the regiment were similarly stationed along the lines, and this deponent occasionally saw parts of the other companies as they stopped at the fort where he was stationed; that this deponent does not recollect to have seen the Colonel of the regiment during his service, that he remembers to have seen the major Elias VanBenschoten besides the officers of his company, Captain Gilbert Livingston and lieutenant John Ostrander.

That the deponent served the full term of his engagement of nine months and was discharged at Kingston in Ulster County on the last of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty one; that during such service the company did not come in contact or have engagement with the enemy, either Indians or others.

And the deponent produces as evidence of his services the affidavits following and hereto annexed of Alexander Mackey, John Thurson, Israel Shadbolt, Catherine Boerman.

And the deponent has not been enabled to produce the affidavit of a clergyman as to his reputation as a revolutionary soldier, for the reason that he now resides and has for a number of years, resided in a neighbourhood and congregation some distance removed from the place where he resided when he entered the service.

Deponent further says that he was born in Poughkeepsie In or about the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five, but that he has not any record of his age; that since the war he has lived and made it his home in the same town and neighborhood where he now resides, that about eleven years of the time he followed the seas as a sailor. That he received a discharge in writing; but it has long since been lost or destroyed.

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) Gilbert Lewis.

Sworn in open court November 10th 1834, Alex Forbus, Clerk