

### **Pension Application for Samuel Lewis**

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B.L.Wt.1263-200-Lieut. Issued Aug 9, 1790. No papers.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

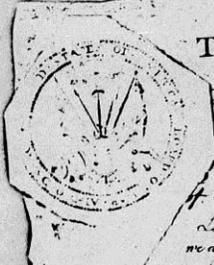
On this second day of March 1819 before me James Thompson first Judge of said County, personally appear[ed] Samuel Lewis, aged sixty-six years resident in the Town of Northumberland in the County and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That in the month of August 1775, he enlisted as a private soldier in the Company of Captain James Rosekrans in a regiment then commanded by Col. Holmes in the New York line of Continental troops in the Revolutionary War and served in that company until the end of that year.

In April 1776 on his return from New York, where he had been employed about three months with what were called minute men, he again enlisted at Fort Montgomery as a Serjeant—under the same Captain, the company then belonging to Col. James Clinton's Regiment,—and served in that company as Serjeant, until on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1776 a Commission was issued under the signature of John Hancock, then President of Congress appointing him as “Ensign of the company number four of the Third Battalion of the New York forces”, which company was then commanded by Capt. Abraham Swartwout—in which company and in the Company of Captain Aaron Orson in the same Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort Junr, he continued to serve as an Ensign until the first day of January 1781, having in that time received another Commission as Ensign—dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1779, signed by John Jay then President of Congress.

In the beginning of the year 1781 on the consolidation of the first & third regiments of the New York line he fell into the company of Captain Leonard Bleeker in the first Regiment commanded by Col. VanSchaick and while in that company received a Commission of Lieutenant—dated the twenty first day of February 1781, signed by Samuel Huntington President of Congress and continued in the same Company as a Lieutenant until the close of the war of the revolution, and on the ninth day of June 1783, was discharged from the Army about three miles west of the Village of Newburgh in the County of Orange in said State of New York—and that he continued and was engaged in the service of the United States from the month of August 1775 until he was discharged in the month of June 1783. (Signed) Saml Lewis

Sworn the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1819 before me, James Thompson, First Judge of Saratoga County.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED*

*Resolved*. We, Representing especial trust  
confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity, **DO** by these presents constitute and appoint you to  
Lieutenant in the first New York Regiment \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_ 1780. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of \_\_\_\_\_  
by doing and performing all manner of things thereto belonging. And  
we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers, under your command, to be obedient to your orders, as  
And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions  
from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress  
for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of  
the United States, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance  
of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by either a future Congress, the Com-  
mittee of Congress beforementioned, or a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office  
and examined by the Board

Attest

Secretary of the Board of War

Witness our Executive Samuel Huntington, Esquire, President of  
the Congress of the United States of America, at Philadelphia, the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
day of February, 1781, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of our  
Independence.

Samuel Huntington, President