

Pension Application for William Lewis

R.6333

State of Pennsylvania

Susquehanna County SS.

On this first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in Open Court before Edward Herrick, and his associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Susquehanna aforesaid now sitting—William Lewis, a resident of the township of Brooklyn in the County of Susquehanna and State of Pennsylvania, aged sixty seven 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 passed [sic] June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—to wit—

That in the year 1780 he resided with his father in the town of Pawlingstown in Dutchess County and State of New York. That during the months of July or August of that year a requisition was made upon the Militia of that place—That they were assembled and divided into Classes and each class was to furnish a man to go into the service for three months.

That a class consisting of six or eight men hired this applicant (with the consent of his father) to go into the Service as the man to be drawn from that class.

[In margin: Applicant served at this time three months.]

That this applicant entered the service at the time and place, and under the circumstances aforesaid in a company commanded by Capt. Sherman, and marched to Fishkill for Three Months dismissed in the months of October or November of the same year when applicant returned home.

That in the Spring of the year 1781—a similar requisition was made upon the Militia at Pawlingtown aforesaid for nine months. That the Militia were cassed [classed] as aforesaid. That the father of this applicant made a bargain with one Thomas Stevens, that this applicant should take the place of the man from the class to which the said Stevens belonged—

That he was accordingly mustered the forepart of the month of April 1781 in a company commanded by one Capt. Daniel Williams, at the town of Bedford in the County of WestChester, as this applicant believes—That the company to which he belonged together with another company commanded by one Captain Sacket remained guarding the lines in the County of Westchester and long island sound the colonel in command was Gilbert Drake. That applicant remained in the service as aforesaid until the month of December of the same year, when he was taken unwell, and not able to do duty and his brother Samuel, older than himself, came and took his place, and remained for about a month, when the time for which this applicant was engaged expired.

That this applicant has no documentary evidence of his service—and knows of no person or persons whose testimony he can procure, other than those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed who can testify thereto.

He hereby relinquishes ever 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 to his knowledge. (Signed with his mark) William Lewis

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dimock, [P?]

And the said William Lewis on his oath further states, in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department under the Act of Congress aforesaid.

1st That he was born in Pawlingtown, Dutchess County and State of New York on the 20th of August 1767—as he has been informed and verily believes.

2nd That he has no written record of his age.

3rd That at the time he entered the service of his country he resided in the town of Pawlington as stated in his application. That he continued to reside there and in the State of Connecticut adjoining for about 18 or 19 years after the Revolutionary War—when he moved to near Delhi, Delaware County N.Y. where he resided for about 12 years—when he again mooved [moved] to Susquehanna County Penn'a where he now resides.

4th That the manner and circumstances of his entering the Service of his cou;ntry are particularly detailed in his application, as far as he can now recollect them.

5th That he recollects of frequently seeing Gen. Washington, but cannot recollect the names of any other regular officers—and that the general circumstances of his service are detailed in his application so far as he can recollect them.

6th That he has no recollection of ever receiving a written discharge from the service.

7th The names of the persons testifying to his character for veracity, appear written affidavits hereto. (Signed with his Mark) William Lewis.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dimock.
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