

## **Pension Application for James Lyon**

S.23779

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid now sitting James Lyon a resident of the Town of Bedford in said County aged seventy two years on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October last 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: That is to say he entered the said service some in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty as a private in the company of militia of the County of Westchester in the State of New York aforesaid commanded by Captain Marcus Moseman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas; that Gabriel Higgins was the Lieutenant of said company and Eli Tyler was Ensign thereof.

That he the Declarant continued in the said service in the said company and Regiment from the said Month of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty three when in consequence of peace he was discharged from said service at Bedford in the County of Westchester aforesaid.

That he served said term of service amounting to at least three years and two months in the said service at Bedford in the County of Westchester aforesaid.

That he served said term of service amounting to at least three years and two months in the said county of Westchester on what was then termed the American lines.

That the exposed condition of the said County of Westchester at that period being partly occupied by British troops and refugees rendered it necessary; for the protection of the inhabitants to keep up a line of Military posts therein; that the declarant was stationed with the said company a part of said term in the said town of NewCastle in said County at military posts established at said places; that he was not engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy during said term; and was also in several expedition sin to the southern part of said County against the British and refugees then occupying that part of said County; That he has no documentary evidence of his service.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded by the Court pursuant to the directions of the War Department the Declarant on his oath in open court saith.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in the County of Westchester the Town of Bedford in WestChester aforesaid on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

2<sup>nd</sup> That his age is recorded in his family Bible which is now at his residence in the town of Bedford aforesaid.

3<sup>rd</sup> That at the time he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the said Town of Bedford and has resided there since the Revolutionary War and now resides there.

4<sup>th</sup> That he was called into the service by order of his captain and from whom he received his orders declarant does not know; that the declarant was not drafted nor did he serve as a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> That the regular officers whom he knew and with whom he served whose names he now recollects were Colonel Shelden, Captain Pritchard, and a Lieutenant Dole; that the militia officers with whom he served in addition to those herein before mentioned were Capt. St. John & Lieutenant Miller and others whose names he has forgotten; that the general circumstances of his service are as hereinbefore set forth.

6<sup>th</sup> That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7<sup>th</sup> That the names of the person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are the Reverend Ezra Fountain of the Town of Bedford aforesaid and Abijah Harris of the same place.

That he claims a pension for the three years and two months service herein before set forth.

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) James Lyon.

Sworn to and subscribed this 2d day of December 1833 in open court N. Bayles, Clk