

Pension Application for Samuel Lyon

R.6562

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester now sitting at the Court House in White Plains in the said County of Westchester, Samuel Lyon a resident of the Town of Yonkers in the said County of Westchester aged sixty seven years (on the 7th day of January 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 7th 1832.

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

That is to say this declarant (in the month of January in the year 1780) lived a little south of CrumPond in the said County of Westchester and belonged to and was enrolled (as a private) in a company of Militia at CrumPond aforesaid of which Henry Strang was Captain in Col. Samuel Drake's regiment of Militia in the said County of Westchester.

And this declarant further saith that in the last mentioned year the American lines and outposts were within one mile south of the residence of this declarant and were altogether guarded by the Militia of that vicinity. That this declarant with his said company in the month of January seventeen hundred and eighty was called out by their said Captain to guard the American lines and outposts in that vicinity and commenced serving as such guard when ever this services were required and liable to be called out at a moments warning from January seventeen hundred and eighty driving the residue of that year.

The following year and of the year succeeding till the news of peace was received the said County in the winter of seventeen hundred and eighty three and this declarant further saith that from his aforesaid enrollment in the said company of militia in January seventeen hundred and eighty till the close of that year this declarant did duty as a private In said company and as a volunteer in guarding the American lines and outposts in the vicinity of Crumpond aforesaid in actual service at different times during said year amounting In the whole to six months service.

And this declarant further saith that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one (and also the year seventeen hundred and eighty two) and part of the winter of seventeen hundred and eighty three till the news of peace was received, this declarant did duty in his said company of militia as a private in guarding the American lines and out posts in the said County of Westchester in like manner as he did in the year seventeen hundred and eighty and was in actual service as a private in his said company in each of the said years of seventeen hundred and eighty one.

And seventeen hundred and eighty two –at least six months and this declarant further saith, that from the time of his aforesaid enrollment in the said company of

Militia till the close of the Revolutionary War he was compelled to be always ready for service and to go whenever and wherever the exigencies of the times required, and was prevented from pursuing any regular occupation for a livelihood.

And this declarant further saith that his brother Alvan Lyon who is two years older than this declarant lived with this declarant near Crumpond aforesaid and served with him in the said company as a Sergeant in the aforesaid company of Militia commanded by Capt. Henry Strang from the month of January seventeen hundred and eighty, till the close of the Revolutionary War. And is the only witness now living that can testify to his declarants said services and his affidavit is hereunto Annexed.

And this declarant further saith, that during his aforesaid service. That he with eleven others pursued a party of refugees from Croton to TarryTown in the said County of Westchester attached and dispersed them, took two of them prisoners and a drove of cattle and horses which the said refugees had stolen from the inhabitants of Crumpond aforesaid.

That on another occasion this declarant with a party of the said company attached a company of refugees near turkey mountain in the said County of Westchester dispersed them and took a drove of cattle which the said refugees had stolen from his Father and other Whig inhabitants residing near Crumpond. And on each of the said occasions the cattle and other property taken by them from the refugees were restored to the rightful owners, without any new and reward therefore. That excursions like those above related were of frequent occurrence and this declarant was often engaged in them.

That this declarant has not any record of his age, but from information derived from his parents he was born at White Plains in the said County of Westchester on the seventh of January seventeen hundred and sixty four. That he continued to live with his father in White Plains aforesaid till the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, when he removed with his father to Crumpond aforesaid, where he continued till the close of the war, when he removed back to White Plains aforesaid and has ever since resided in the said County of Westchester and for the last forty years in the town of Yonkers in the said county where he now resides; with the exception of one year, that he lived in White Plains aforesaid.

That he lived at Crumpon aforesaid when called into the service and always entered the service by the orders of his aforesaid Captain or as a volunteer. That he never was drafted or served as a substitute, nor did he ever receive a discharge form the service. That this declarant recollects Col. Green Major Flagg Major Hull, Col. Aaron Burr as some of the regular officers who were occasionally with the troops where he served. That he recollect the following Continental and Militia regiments during the revolutionary war. Viz. Col. Meigs, Col Milan, Col. Sheldon's, Col. Nixon Col. Samuel Webbs, Col. Charles Webb, Col. Malcoms, Col. Samuel Drakes, Col. Thomas Thomas' and Col. Van Cortlandt's.

That there is no Clergyman living in his vicinity sufficiently acquainted with him to testify as to his character and services as a soldier of the revolution, that he is known in his present neighborhood to Genl Jacob Odell and William N. Dyckman, but

residents of the town of Yonkers aforesaid who can testify as to this declarants character for veracity their belief of his age, and of his services as a soldier of the recolution.

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) Samuel Lyon

Subscribed and sworn to in open court the day & year aforesaid. N. Bayles, Clk Westchester Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated July 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.6562 it appears that Samuel Lyon was born January 7, 1764 or 1765 in White Plains, Westchester County, New York.

While living near Crompons, Westchester County, New York he enlisted in January 1780 as a private in Captain Henry Strang's Company, Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment of militia and served whenever called upon during 1780, 1781, and 1782 to guard the outposts in Westchester County.

He applied for pension December 4, 1832 while living in Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, but his claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of six months actual military service in the field, as required by the pension laws.

His son H. W. Lyon was a resident of Hartwick, Otsego County, New York, in 1837. Name of soldier's wife not given.