

Pension Application for Thomas Lyon

S.21872

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Hudson now sitting Thomas Lyon a resident of Chatham in the County of Columbia aforesaid aged sixty six years who first being 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.

In the month of April 1782 he voluntarily enlisted in a company of Rangers under Captain Hunt & Lieutenants Tuttle and Young enlisted and was mustered at Bedford in Westchester County in the State of New York and served along the lines of the British guarding against the depredations of the tories principally at Rey, North Castle, Bedford, Mamaroneck, White Plains, Kingstreet &c was not in any regular battle but almost every day on scouts and had frequent skirmishes with the tories and served nine months which was the full term of his enlistment and was dismissed but rec'd no formal discharge, he was frequently quartered with Colonel Sheldon's Lighthorse & Infantry was dismissed in January 1783.

He was born at Bedford aforesaid resided with his father who at the time of his enlistment belonged at served and owned a far at North Castle in s'd County but had been driven from his residence by the tories and had taken up a temporary residence in Ridgebury in Connecticut when they lived at the time of his enlistment but at the close of the war which was never the end of his service he and the rest of his father's family returned to their farm in North Castle and has since resided at Clinton, Dutchess County, New Lebanon & Chatham the place of his present residence he has lived ever since.

Was born on the 31st of May 1766 has no record of his age except in his own bible taken from the family record in his father's bible which accords with that above stated.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of his sister Abigail Adee hereunto annexed.

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) Thomas Lyon

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated May 3, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the revolutionary War pension claim S.21872, it appears that Thomas Lyon was born May 31, 1766 at Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

He enlisted at said Bedford in April 1782 and served until January 1783 in Captain Hunt's Company of Rangers, in the New York Troops, he was in several skirmishes with Tories. At the time of his enlistment, he was living at Ridgebury, Connecticut, with his father (his name not given), who was driven from his farm at North Castle, Westchester County, New York, by the Tories.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 29, 1832, while a resident of Chatham, Columbia County, New York.

In 1840 he moved to Wisconsin Territory, to live with two sons, their names not stated. There are no data on file as to his wife, and no further data on file as to children.