

Pension Application for William Lytle

S.13810

State of Pennsylvania

County of Huntingdon SS

On this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Thomas Burnside Esquire and his associates Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Huntington now sitting, William Lytle, a resident of Morris township in the County of Huntington and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, aged seventy 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 June 7, 1832.

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

That in the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy five in the town of Goshen, County of Orange and State of New York, he enlisted in the Second Regiment of New York troops for the term of five months & served in that Regiment to the best of his recollection under Captain David Denton, Major Dubois, Colonel Wincoop, and General Schuyler, and marched first to Ticonderoga, from thence to St. Johns in Canada which town they took from the British & marched from there to Montreal which town they took also; at Montreal deponents first term of enlistment expired and he then enlisted for five months more, and marched to Quebec under the command of General Montgomery and was in the battle in which General Montgomery was killed; that deponent left Quebec on the 3rd day of May 1776 & returned home to the aforesaid town of Goshen.

That in the summer of 1775 after his return at the said town of Goshen he enlisted for another term of six months, that the Captain he served under was John Little under whose command he marched to Kings Bridge in the State of New York & from thence [blot] [?] and then he was concerned in the battle that was fought & was discharged at the end of his six months service.

That in the spring of the year 1778, he was drafted to serve nine months in the New York Militia at which time he resided in the said town of Goshen, that they were taken to the Valley Forge and there distributed among the regular troops—and marched for Monmouth but on the way to Monmouth this deponent took sick at a place called Sowerland in the State of New Jersey and was sent to Princeton Hospital where he remained sick for about two months, he then joined the army and marched up the Mohawk river after the Indians, at this time Colonel VanRansselaar [VanRensselaer] was their commander, he remained up the Mohawk river until his nine months were expired and he was discharged and returned home.

That in the summer of 1781 he again enlisted for the term of six months deponent with others marched under Colonel Markham to Albany & from thence marched up the Mohawk river after the Indians and remained there until his time expired when he was discharged.

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.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Wm Litle

Questions by the court.

1. When and in what year were you born? The year I cannot state but think it was in 1754 in the County Mayo Ireland—came to the City of New York in 1773.
2. Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it? Ans. I have no record of my age.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? I was living in Goshen Orange County, State of New York.-- In 1791 I came from Orange County to Wyoming in Pennsylvania then to Centre County and then to New [Dryden?] County to Canoe Valley [blot] nineteen years ago & have lived in that Valley and in Vermillion Township Iron River. I now live in Union Furnace in Morris Township in Huntington County.
4. How were you called into service; where you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? And if a substitute for whom? I voluntarily listed for five months listed again for five months & served as stated before.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service? My first Capt was Danl Denton Col. Wynkoop, 2d Regt of New York line, Genl Schuyler whence we too St. Johns Genl James Clinton commanded and at Montreal at Quebec Genl Montgomery had the command. After my return from Quebec had again entered under Capt John Little. Col name was [?] Can't state the Regt.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given, & what has become of it? I received discharges. I took no care of them they are long lost.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as soldier of the revolution? Thos Johnston, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Huntington who has known him over 20 years & David r. Porter, Esquire the [?] of the Court and our former member of Assembly has known now for 15 years and upwards.

Sworn before said the day & year afs'd. Thos. Burnside in open court

Letter in folder dated September 19, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.13810, it appears that William Lytle was born in 1754 in County Mayo, Ireland and emigrated to New York City In 1773.

While residing in Goshen, Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops, as follows:

From in June 1775, ten months in Captain David Denton's Company, Colonel Wynkoop's Regiment and was in the battles of St. Johns, Montreal, and Quebec; from the summer of 1776, six months in Captain John Little's Company, Colonel Nicholson's Regiment and was in the battle of White Plains; from the spring of 1778, nine months under Colonel VanRensselaer; and from the summer of 1780, six months in Colonel Malcom's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 15, 1832, at which time he was living in Union Furnace, Morris Township, Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

He died July 8, 1833. There are no data as to family.