

**Pension Application for Christopher Van Leuvan or Vanluvan**

S.23038

Ulster Com Pleas.

Of December term one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court not sitting before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a Record of their proceedings having a clerk and Seal of their own, Christopher Van Leuvan a resident of the town of Olive in the County of Ulster aged seventy three years, who being first 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 he was born in the Town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York in the year 1759.

That he has a record of his age contained in the Babtismal [baptismal] records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Marbletown aforesaid.

That he lived in the town of Marbletown when he entered the service of the Revolutionary War, or called into service.

That he has lived since the Revolutionary War in the town of Marbletown, and that he now lives in the town of Olive (Formerly Marbletown) Ulster County aforesaid.

That he entered the militia service of the State of New York as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War in or about the first of July in the year 1777 as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Joachim Schoonmaker, for Three Months, and that said company rendezvoused at Marbletown in the County of Ulster, and marched from there by the way of Catskill to a place called Schoharie where he with the said Company was Stationed as a gaurd [guard] to protect the inhabitants from the incursion of the Indians and Torys, and Continued in said service until some time in the month of October following (1777) and then he with the said Company returned to Kingston, Ulster County aforesaid, and brought with them between 30 & 40 prisoners which were confined in the prison in Kingston, and went to Marbletown and was there discharged, after the full term of Three Months or more, received no written discharge. And that he does not recollect of any person alive who can testify to the above service.

And that this applicant further declares that in the Spring of the Year following (1778) he again volunteered in the service as aforesaid, in the company commanded by Captain Henry Paulding, Colonel Albert Pauldings Regiment for Seven Months. That he with the said company was in the Fort at the house of one Longyear in the

town of Shandaken, and continued there in said service with said company untill sometime in the month of November following (1778) and untill the full term of seven months and was then there discharged (Received no written discharge). L For the proof of this last service he would refer you to the affidavit of Benjamin Rider hereto attached—he being the only person living that he is acquainted with that can testify as to said service.

And that this applicant further declares that in the Spring of the Year 1779 he again volunteered as a private soldier as aforesaid, in the company commanded by Captain Charles W. Bordhead for Three months and he with the said company was stationed at a Fort at Lurenkill in the Town of Wawarsing in the said County of Ulster, and continued there in said service until about the first of July following (1779) and untill the full term of Three months and was then there discharged (received no written discharge). And that he does not recollect any person alive who can testify to the above Service.

And this applicant further declares that in the fall of the same year 1779 again volunteered in the service as aforesaid in the company commanded by Capt Charles W. Brodhead for three months and was stationed at Fishkill Dutchess County and was there with the said company under the command of Colonel Dubois, and continued there untill late in the fall or the Commencement of Winter following and was then there discharged after the fall term of three months (Received no written discharge) and that he does not recollect any person alive who can testify to the above service.

And this applicant further declares that in the Spring of the year following (1780) he again volunteered in the service as aforesaid in the company commanded by Captain Andrus Bevier for nine months and that he and the said company was stationed at Lagawack in the Town of Wawasing in the County of Ulster (and was there engaged part of said Campaign in building a Fort) and continued there untill late in the fall and was then there discharge after the fall term of nine months—(received no written discharge) and that he does not recollect any person alive who can testify to the above Service.

And that this applicant further declares that in July in the year 1781 he again volunteered in the service as aforesaid in the Company Commanded by Captain Derrick Westbrook, Known by the name of Rangers for Five months and that he with the said Company acted as a frontier gaurd [guard] along the line of the frontiers in the County of Ulster and was Stationed at different places in the Towns of Marbletown, Hurley, Woodstock, Kingston and Saugerties—and was discharged with the said Company in Rochester after the full Term of five months. (Received no received discharge) [sic] and that he does [not] recollect any person above whom he can get to testify to the above service.

And finally this applicant declares that he has positively served during the Revolutionary War in the Militia Service of the State of New York in the Capacity of a private Soldier at Schoharie for three months at Shandaken for seven months at Fishkill Dutchess County for Three months at (Sagawack) in the Town of Wawarsing

for Nine Months and as a guard in the Company of Rangers for Five Months, making Two Years and Five months and more, for which he now claims a pension.

And this applicant further declares that in addition to the above services (all of which he volunteered) he was frequently drafted as one of a class, and served as such draftsman when not in actual service as a volunteer as above stated, in the capacity of a private soldier, in the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain John Hasbrouck at Kingston Landing guarding the prisoners for three weeks. Same Company for one month as a frontier guard in the Town of Wawasing in the year 1778, and in the same year (1778) he was half a month in the company of Capt Charles Brodhead as a frontier guard at Mimising [Minisink?] and in the year 1779 Two months in captain Bowdwin Turpening as a frontier guard at Shandaken and some others, which he deems unnecessary to relate in this his declaration,

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 with his mark) Christopher Van Leuvan

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. D. Soper, First Judge & A.G. Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo Judges

Letter in folder dated March 18, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Christopher van Leuven, John, Petrus, Andria, Andrew, Zacharias and Peter P. Leuven, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only soldier of that surname that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office is furnished you herein as found in the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.23038, based upon the military service of Christopher Van Leuvan in that war.

Christopher Van Leuvan, the name is also shown as Vanluvan was born in 1759, in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, day, month, and the names of his parents are not stated.

While a resident of Marbletown, New York, Christopher Van Leuvan enlisted about July 1, 1777, served at various times to 1781, about two and one half years in all, as private in the New York troops under the following officers: captains Jochem Schoonmaker, John Hasbrouck, Charles W. Brodhead, Bardowine Tarpending, Andrew Bevier, Dirrick Westbrook, Henry Pawling, and Colonels Jacob Hoornbeek, Albert Pawling, Hathorn, Dubois and John Cantine. In August 1781 he was taken prisoner by the British and Indians who took him to Fort Niagara, the following spring was shipped to Fort Oswego, later he was removed to Niagara, thence to the fort at Detroit, and after peace was declared, in the spring of 1784 he was discharged and returned home.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 11, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Olive, formerly part of Marbletown, Ulster County, New York.

Soldier had a sister who was dead in 1839, her name and age not given. There are no further family data.