

Pension Application for Luther Kennicutt

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I Luther Kennicutt formerly of Courtland Town [of] WestChester County and State of New York and now of the City of New York and State aforesaid declares that I did enlist as an artificer on the Continental Army in the Month of October 1778 and was attached at the time to the Quarter Masters Department under the command of Col. Hughes that not long after such enlistment I received his order to recruit as many able bodied men as Artificers either Carpenters wheelrights and blacksmiths as I could by virtue of which order I succeeded in inlisting [enlisting] more than fifty men for which service I was allowed [?] 30 per month which was paid me not for compensations but for materials I continued to furnish the department with amounting to \$705 in Continental Money in the year 1777. After this period as will appear by John Strangs deposition I was employed by the express orders of the Commander in Chief of the American Army in secret service, during which time I was frequently in the City of New York, making such observations as the good of the service required, and conformable to the verbal instructions I received from time to time from the different commanders stationed in the out posts of the Continental Army, for this service rather as a means of covering my designs than as a compensation for a dangerous and delicate trust, I received from General McDougal five Guineas, and from General Scott one Guinea. Being personally known to General Arnold, after his defection and desertion to the enemy, I was afraid to go into the British lines, a recognition of my person in such an event would have been fatal for he himself knew that I had been employed in this service which was if I recollect right in the environs of West Point where I remained in the service to the fall and termination of the Revolutionary War.

Witness my hand this 7th day of August in the year 1828. (Signed) Luther Kennicutt.

Before me James Flanagan a Justice of the Peace in the City and County of New York and State of New York personally appeared this day Daniel DeLavan and John Hosier both of the City and County and State aforesaid he did severally make oath that Luther Kennicutt by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed is generally reported and believed to have been in the army of the Revolution in manner as herein stated. (Signed) Daniel DeLavan, John Hosier

Sworn to before me this 7th day of August 1828. James Flanagan Justice of the Peace.