

Pension Application for Henry Lake

S.10974

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Otsego

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego & State of New York now sitting Henry Lake a resident of the Town of Plainfield in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged seventy one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated. That in the time of the revolutionary war he resided in the town of Cambridge (then in Albany County) now Washington County in the State of New York.

That he was called out in the militia in the alarm at the approach of Burgoyne's Army from the North some time in July 1777 in Captain Samuel Hodge's Company in Colonel VanWort's regiment and was marched to Fort Edward and continued in the service there seven days.

He was classed in the Militia and about the 18 of June 1779 he was called out in his town to go to Fort Edward and was mustered in Captain William Brown's Company under the command of Colonel Warner of the Continental Army for the term of one month was marched to Fort Edward and served out his term there, and at the expiration of his term of service he again entered the same company in the same service (as a substitute for his Father Thomas Lake whose turn next came in the class) for the term of one month and he served out this term likewise at Fort Edward at the expiration of which he again entered the service in the same company under Captain Well's who had then taken the command of the Company in the place of Capt. Brown (as a substitute for a man by the name of Matthew Brighton whose turn then came in the class) for the term of one month and he served out his term also at Fort Edward, when he volunteered under Captain Morse of the Militia and Ensign Paine and Ensign Grant Continental officers of Col. Warner's Regiment to go to Crown Point to destroy Hay that the British were cutting there, and went there, but before the expedition arrived there they had gone and carried off the Hay, and the expedition failed he was in this service half a month.

Soon after the return home he was again detached from his class to go [to] Palmerstown to keep Garrison in Captain VanWormer Company in Major Astin's Battalion of Malitia [militia] for the term of one month was marched there and served out his term and again entered the same company as a substitute for his Father for one month as in the former service at the end of which he again entered as a substitute for the aforesaid Brighton about half a month when the militia at Palmertown was discharged by order of General Schuyler and he returned home.

About the 1st June 1780 he volunteered for the term of three months in Capt Well's Company and served in Colonel Warner's Regiment at Fort Edward during the whole of his term.

He again volunteered in the fall of 1780 for the term of one month and served out his term likewise at Fort Edward in the Company commanded by Captain Austin Wells of the Militia in Colonel Warner's Regiment.

About the month of June 1781 he volunteered for the term of two months in the company commanded by Captain Edward Wells of the Militia to go to fort Edward and served out this term there in Colonel Warner's Regiment.

He never had a written discharge.

Again he was called out under Colonel Yates in the alarm at the time that the British, Indians, & Tories took Fort Ann and Fort George and helped to bring the dead there, we were not regularly mustered into companies. Served at this time 5 days. He was called out during the war in alarms 6 or 7 times of 1 to 3 days each which he cannot now particularly enumerate and he estimates his service during the war not less than 13 months.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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) Henry Lake

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated August 23, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10974, it appears that Henry Lake, while a resident of Cambridge, Washington County, (then Albany County), New York, enlisted and served as a private at various times in the New York Troops, amounting to not less than thirteen months in all, under Captains Samuel Hodge, William Brown, Morse, Van Wormer, Austin Wells, Edward Wells, and Cornelius Doty; Colonels VanWoert, Warner, and Yates.

On two different tours soldier served as a substitute for his father, Thomas Lake; no further information concerning his father is given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 15, 1832, while a resident of Plainfield, Otsego County, New York, aged seventy-one years.

In March, 1851, soldier's daughter, Miss Lucretia Lake, was living in Ames, Montgomery County, New York, and stated that her father was then dependent upon her.

There are no further data on file relative to family.