

Pension Application for William Lambert

S.13690

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester in the State of New York now sitting, William Lambert a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County aged seventy three 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say.

He entered the said service in the militia of the County of WestChester aforesaid some time in the month of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine as orderly sergeant in the company of Militia of the County of WEstChester afore said commanded by Captain Jonas Orser in the Regiment of Roland Joseph Drake then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; for the term of one year. That he served in the said company and Regiment on the American lines in the said County of WestChester eleven months from the commencement of his said term; when he was taken prisoner by a detachment of British troops while he was quartered in the manor of Philips now town of Mount Pleasant in the County aforesaid. And carried by them to their quarters in the southern part of said county and detained there a prisoner one day and was then discharged on parol [parole] and continued on parol until the close of the Revolutionary War.

And the Declarant further saith that some time in the month of July in the year 177[6?] at the time the British ships Phoenix and [Rose?] sailed up the Hudson River he gain entered the service of the United States in the militia of the said Country of WestChester in the company commanded by Captain Landieu in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond and was stationed at Tarrytown in the said County of WestChester on the West bank of said Hudson River. That he continued in the said service at that time one month and a half and was then and there discharge.

That in the month of January in the year 1777 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in the Captain Landrew's Company and Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond, that he marched in said Regiment to the neighborhood of fort independence with a view to attack that fort as he then understood that there was a considerable body of troops at that place the particular regiments or the names of any of the officers other than those of his regiment herein before mentioned. That he continued in the service at that time one month and a half and was discharged and returned to his home.

That in the month of June 1777 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in the last mentioned company and regiment that he continued in the service at that time one month and was discharged. This was at the time some British galleys sailed up the Hudson and the militia was called out to guard the shore and prevent the British from landing from their galleys.

That some time in the fall of the year 1777 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in the in the [sic] last aforesaid company and regiment: that he continued in the service at that time one month and a half that he was called out at that time to guard the lives in the said County of WestChester, and was discharged after having served one month and a half as aforesaid.

That he was frequently called in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the said company at other times that those herein before mentioned, for short periods which together would amount to two months, but he cannot now set forth each term thereof distinctly in consequence of the length of time that has elapsed.

And the Declarant says that he claims a pension for services as follows: viz.

For the eleven months service in Captain Jonas Orser's Company therein before set fourth [forth] and for the terms of service in Captain Landieu's company herein before set fourth amounting to five months and a half exclusive of the two months which he cannot particularly set forth for the reasons above assigned but which he hopes the Department will allow, making his whole service on year six months and a half. But if the said two months are not allowed by the Department then he claims a pension for one year and four months and a half; eleven of which he served as orderly sergeant in said Captain Orson's Company as before set forth and the remaining four and a half months he served and private in manner, and at the times before set fourth.

1st And the declarant further states that he was born in the said County of WestChester in the year 1759.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his Bible.

3rd That he has always lived in the town of Philips now the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County of WestChester and now lives there.

4th That he entered the service by order of his officers having been called out by them into the service.

5th That the only militia officers he recollects who were with our troops where he served are those herein before mentioned and Major Hull and Major Jamison of the Continental Army and Captain Sybert Baker of the militia. That the general circumstances of his services are as herein before set forth.

6th Did not ever receive a written discharge from the service.

7th That there is no clergyman living in the vicinity of the applicant But that the names of the persons to whom he is known in this present neighbourhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of

the Revolution are Robert Brown and Thaddeus Sarles of the town of Mount Pleasant in said County.

That 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) William Lambert

Sworn to and subscribed this 3d day of December 1832 before me in open court. N. Bayles, Clk of said Court.