

Pension Application for Thomas Laurence or Lawrence

W.2632 (Catharine Simpkins, former widow of Thomas Laurence and Robert Simpkins) Catharine Kasler married Thomas Laurence March 29, 1824. Thomas died June 12, 1835. January 12, 1837, she married Robert Simpkins who died June 21, 1848.

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Virginia, Montgomery County to Wit.

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the peace for said county which county court is a court of record.

Thomas Lawrence a resident of said County and State aged about 69 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the army of the United States in the year 1777 in a redgment of New York Malitia under the command of Colo James Vanderburg of New York. The captain of the company to which he was attached was Capt Joshua Champlain. The Lieutenant Colonel was Benjamin Burcham, the major was William Clarke and Rodger Morey was the Lieutenant. The applicant resided at the time he went into the service in what was then called Paulding's Present in New York it is now called as he is informed was Washington County.

The applicant under a regulation which then existed in New York, entered the said Redgment by enlistment for the term of two years and served the whole term of his enlistment and was discharged after the completion of the said time he thinks he was discharged in the year 1778 or the early part of the year 1779.

Those who referred enlist for the two year[s] under the above mentioned regulation discharged merely the duties of Malitia men and but for short terms during the early part of his service he was stationed at a place called the FishKill was near the North River awaiting the movements of the British on the North River. From the FishKill [?] he was marched to the interior for the purpose of guarding a magazine which was under the charge of Colo Vanderburg at the [?] of the said Colo about 15 miles from the North River about the year 1783 he removed to the County of Montgomery where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agent in any state. Whatever sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Thos Lawrence.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my office this 12d day of June 1833 in the 57th year of the common wealth. R. D. Montague