

Pension Application for John L. Lawyer or Johannes L.

No. 26366

State of New York Schoharie County SS.

On this 23rd day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before me Tho. P. Danforth one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the state of New York John L. Lawyer a resident of the Town of Fulton in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York aged eighty four 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 resided in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie from the commencement to the close of the Revolutionary War.

That he was enrolled as a private in the Militia of the State of New York as early as the first day of March in the year 1776, that the Regiment & Company in which he was enrolled, was commanded at the time of his enrollment by the following named officers, Colonel Pete Vroman, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Zelig, Majors Thomas Eckerson and Joseph Becker Captain Jacob Hager Lieutenant Cornelius Peak & Ensign Peter Swart that he belonged to the same Regiment & Company from the said first day of March in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1783, that the said Regiment & company were commanded by the above named officers during that time, that from the said first day of March in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the

That he does not recollect the exact time he entered the service each or any of those periods, nor the time when he left the same, nor how long he was engaged on each period. year 1783 he was very frequently on duty in the Service of the United States for short periods of from one day to one month at a time.

That he does not recollect the number of different times he was on duty, that he was during most of those periods under the immediate command of some officer of the Regiment or Company to which he belonged, but which officer had the command each period he cannot tell.

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That he was not drafted a volunteer or a substitute any of the above mentioned periods to his knowledge—

That he was ordered into the service by some officers of the Regiment or company & entered the service in obedience to such order.

That in the year 1778 he marched under Colonel Vroman in pursuit of the Tories & Indians under McDonald who had been murdering the inhabitants of Schoharie, Colonel Harper with a party of light horse from Albany was with the Americans. That he was in the upper fort in Schoharie when Schoharie was burnt in the year 1780.

That he went frequently into those parts of the State of New York now the counties of Green & Albany, that he does not recollect where he went each period, that he was frequently engaged in the Forts in Schoharie on garrison duty that a party of riflemen, under the command of Colonel Butler came to the middle fort in Schoharie in the year 1778 and lay there at the upper Fort untill sometime in the year 1779.

When they left Schoharie, that small parties of Continental troops were at the different Forts in Schoharie occasionally during the Revolutionary War that he was in no battle during this time. And the said John L. Lawyer saith that he is positive that he was engaged on duty in the service of the United States as a private soldier from the said first day of March in the year 1776 untill the first day of March in the year 1783 at different periods amounting in the whole to at least three years.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services above set forth.

That he never received a written discharge from the service.

That he was born in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie and resided there untill the close of the Revolutionary war when he moved to the now town of Schoharie in the said County of Schoharie where he resided about ten years when he moved to the now town of Fulton in the said County of Schoharie where he has since resided that he has no record of his age.

That there is no Clergyman residing within his vicinity. He hereby relinquishes his 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) John L. Lawyer.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Thos P. Danforth one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York.