

Pension Application for Hermanus Lent

S.13717

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this thirteenth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Ralsaman C. Austin a Commissioner in & for the said County to perform Certain Duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York at Chambers Hermanus Lent a resident of the town of Cortlandt in the County of Westchester and State of New York aged seventy 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

He first entered said service at Cortlandt town in Capt James Cronk or Cronkites Company of Malitia about the first of May in the year 1779 in which company he served from six to eight months. He was with said Cronk in the skirmage or affair he had with a party of British at Crumpond in said County of Westchester in May of the same year when the said Cronk was taken prisoner and carried to New York, after which he served in said Company during said year in different tours & [?] under Lieutenants & Ensign Benjamin Dyckman & Garret Dyckmans in different parts of the County of Westchester in all for the period of six or eight months as aforesaid.

That early in the spring of the year 1782 this deponent enlisted under Capt. Dennis McGuire at VerPlanck's Point in said County of Westchester, and was employed in the commissaries department & was engaged as a ferry man at Kings Ferry until this spring following.—That this deponent enlisted under said McGuire for one year & remained in said service until discharged which was about one month before the period for which he enlisted expired—

That this deponent hath not any documentary evidence of his said service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

To the several Interrogatories put to deponent in pursuance of the directions contained in the instructions from the War Department in cases of this natured, he answers & says.

That he was born in Cortlandt town in Westchester County aforesaid in the year 1762 as Deponent has always understood & been informed.

That he has no record of his age. That he lived in Courtlandt town in said County of Westchester when first called into service as aforesaid where he ever since hath and now doth reside.

He was first called into service as a militiaman and as belonging to Capt. Cronks Company, to protect the inhabitants of said County & their property from the depredations & inroads of the CowBoys & Tories—and afterwards enlisted for one year under Capt. McGuyer as herein before stated.

That he never received a written discharge from said service. That his discharge was verbal from Capt McGuire after the peace & when he was informed that he was not required to stay any longer at said Ferry.

The persons to whom deponent is known in his present neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief as to his service as a soldier of the Revolution are David Lent Esquire & Col. Peter Goetschim.

This deponent further saith that the clergyman who has resided in his neighbourhood for many years has recently left this place—and that from bodily infirmity he is entirely unable to attend the courts of said County of Westchester.

This deponent 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) Hermanus Lent

Sworn & subscribed this day of August 1832 before me. R. C. Austin a Commissioner to perform certain duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.