

Pension Application for Hindrich Lent

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State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this thirtieth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me Benjamin F. Skinner one of the Judges of County Courts in and for the County of Washington in the State of New York, Hindrich Lent at [sic] resident of the Town of Easton in the County of Washington in the State of New York aged seventy seven 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.

About the first of June 1775 he went as a volunteer, on an expedition to Crown Point under Captain Marvin and Lieut Garrison in Col. Cornelius VanVechten's Regiment his company rendezvoused at the Town of Saratoga, and marched directly to Crown Point in the State of New York, marched through the Counties of Saratoga, and marched directly to Crown Point in the State of New York, marched through the Counties of Saratoga and Washington to Whitehall, and from thence down the Lake to Crown Point—on boats.

While at Crown Point the company was under the command of Cols Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, who both claimed rank.

On this expedition he was gone three weeks and he was discharged by the adjutant of the Regiment and went home—he received no written discharge—In this tour he was first Sergeant.

In the year 1776 about the first of January he went as a volunteer, on an expedition, to Johnstown, in the County of Montgomery under Captain Peter VanWoert, his regiment on the expedition was under Genl Schuyler his company rendezvoused at Albany—and marched through Schenectady, into the County of Montgomery in which Johnstown is situated—went immediately to Johnstown—he was gone twelve days from his resident in Easton aforesaid. On this expedition they surprised and took Sir William Johnson [Sir John Johnson] with a party of three hundred men, his company was discharged by Major David Dickson at Johnstown he received no written discharge he was out twelve days on this expedition and went home.

In this service he was orderly sergeant.

In the year 1776 about the first of October he again volunteered under Capt. Peter VanWoert in Col VanVectin Regiment. He went from the Town of Easton in the County of Washington—where he then and still resides, and was rendezvoused at Saratoga—which is the town adjoining the Town of Easton—on the opposite side of the Hudson. From there he marched immediately to Fort Edward passing through the town of Saratoga and part of Northumberland on the west side of the Husons [Hudson] river - recrossed the Hudson—and passed up the east side about ten miles to Fort

Edwards—he was then engaged for one week in making a causeway between Fort Edward and Fort Ann in the now county of Washington then County of Charlotte, he was out on this expedition four weeks and five days—they marched to Fort Ann—and back to Fort Edward and were discharged at Fort Edward by Captain Van Wort—and came home.

In this tour he was orderly sergeant.

In the year 1777 about the first of July he went to Lake George as a volunteer, under the command of General Schuyler – in Capt. Thompsons company—he rendezvoused at Saratoga from there he marched through the Town of Saratoga Northumberland recrossed the river to Fort Edward, from thence to Lake George and then retreated with the American Army from Lake George to Stillwater, under Col. VanVecten, when he was permitted to go home to remove his family, was at home about a week and then returned –to Stillwater and Joined the army—previous to going home he was out four weeks—

After his return he staid six weeks—with the army—at Stillwater and Saratoga—until after the surrender of General Burgoine—on the 16th of October 1777, he was not in the battle, his company & Regt remained by orders in the camp at the battle on the 7th of October—he was discharged by his captain at Saratoga did not receive a written discharge – he was in sight of the surrender at Burgoine—at Saratoga—In the whole on this expedition he was out ten weeks. In this tour he was orderly sergeant.

In the year 1778 – in the month of April about the first, he went again from his residence in Easton, to Fort Edward under Lieut Ross, the company were marched from Saratoga when they rendezvoused immediately to Fort Edward, when they remained Twelve days, and was discharged by Lieut Ross—In this tour he was orderly sergeant—

In the year 1778—in the fall he went out under Captain Peter Winney the latter part of November under the command of Major Asten, he rendezvoused with his company at Saratoga and marched immediately to Palmertown Mountain in the same County a distance of about twenty miles, was out three weeks and was discharged at the mountain and came home, during this tour was orderly sergeant.

In 1779 he was again a volunteer in Captain Thompsons company—and went to Fort Edward in the month of April—was out ten days, which there was under the command of Major Chipman—he was discharged by Major Chipman and came home—he was also orderly sergeant during this tour.

In the fall of the year 1779—the latter part of August and first of September he was again out fourteen days at Fort Edward under the command of Peter VanWoort & Major Chipman, and was discharged at Fort Edward by Captain VanWoort—as O. Sergeant.

In 1780 he went out under George Clinton across Lake George in boats—the company rendezvoused at Saratoga, and marched about the first of June to the Lake, thence went down Lake Champlain—under Captain VanWoort in Col. Van Vectens

Regiment—then returned to Saratoga where he was discharged by Capt. VanWoort—During this tour he was orderly sergeant.

In harvest time, the latter part of July 1780—he went again to Palmertown Mountain under Captain VanWoort –During this time he was Orderly Sergeant.

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In 1781—In the summer about the 1st of June, he was out under the command of Captain Woodard, went to Fort Edward, and was at Fort Edward fourteen days and then discharged by Major Chipman who commanded the Fort—In this expedition he was also orderly sergeant.

In the forepart of September 1781—he went again to Palmertown under the command of Capt VanWoort—was out six days—and marched back to Saratoga—and there discharged—by Capt. VanWoort—During this expedition he was Orderly Sergeant.

In the fall of the year 1781 in the forepart of the fall about the 1st of September 1781—he was out two weeks to Fort Edward, Fort Ann and lake George, after the Capture of Fort Ann and Fort Henry he performed this tour under Col. Yates.

He was discharged by Col. Yates at Fort Edward, he assisted in bringing the dead at Lake George. In this service he was also Orderly Sergeant, than that men killed at Lake George belonged to Col. Wagners Regiment.

In 1782 fore part of June he was again in Garrison under Captain Woodard—at Fort Edward, Major Chipman still had charge of the Garrison, he was out four weeks on this service and was discharged—he was a volunteer on this service.

Same year late in the fall he was out three weeks and 4 days under General Stark at Saratoga—in a company commanded Lieut James Storm in Col. VanVecten's Regiment—discharged by Lieut Storms at Saratoga—he was orderly sergeant in this expedition.

Inb 1782. He was out again for fifteen days about the 1st May and went to Saratoga under Major Dickinson in Capt VanWoorts company—and was discharged by Capt. VanWoort – at Saratoga—was orderly sergeant and did garrison duty.

The same spring he went again to the lines at Saratoga, was out fourteen days—under Capt. Peter VanWoort, and was by him discharged, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to remember the month in which this service was performed.

In the same year he was again at the Saratoga lines in the latter part of Summer as he thinks, in the month of August, for four weeks under Captain VanWoort and by him discharged at Saratoga.

His whole service was performed as an orderly Sergeant, and a volunteer—and he was during the whole time a member [of] Captain VanWoorts Company—and in Col. VanVectens Regiment—although he performed services upon the tours already

specified under the officers already mentioned, during the whole period of his services he resided in the Town of Easton in the County of Washington aforesaid and has resided there ever since.

In answer to the questions put to me by the said Judge he says.

1st That he was born at Peekskill County of Westchester [sic] and State of New York on the 11th of July 1756.

2nd that he has no record of his age.

3rd He was living at Easton aforesaid when called into the service and has lived there ever since.

4th He entered the service as a volunteer.

5th He recollects General Schuyler, General Arnold, General Gates, General Nixon, Col. Warner, Col. Cortland—Col VanScaick, Col Gansvort, and the Regiments of Col Gansvort, Col. Courtland, and Col. Van Scaick.

6th He never received a written discharge from the service.

7th The persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his service are—Samuel Fuller, Abraham Wright—and John Drumhat & others. He further states that there is not in his neighborhood any clergyman who is sufficiently acquainted with his reputation as a soldier of the Revolution to testify to the same—in consequence of the shortness of the time they have resided in his neighborhood, he is therefore under the necessity of establishing his reputation as a soldier by those who are acquainted with his reputation in this particular.

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) Hendrick Lent

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. B. F. Skinner Judge of Wash. County Courts.