

## **Pension Application for David Leonard**

R.6290

I, David Leonard was born at Rhinebeck Dutchess County Sate of New York on the 3 of March 1752 (from the record of my Father's Bible) before I was a year old my father moved to New York.

In the year 1775, my father commanded a company of volunteer called German fuseliars belonging to the first Batalion of New York volunteer commanded by Colonel John Lasher in 1776 they engaged to serve six months & were sent to longisland when the British were there & I was with my father part of time & when the British took New York I was with the Retreating army. From thence I went home our family had moved to Rhinebeck & then again returned to the Army at white Plains.

During the time I was with my Father in the Army & served in the capacity of a waiter which I think was about a month I then returned home. The next year I enlisted for two months under Capt Andrew Hermance to gaurd [guard] the powder house & Magazine which had been robed [robbed] by the toreyes [Tories] our Lieut name was Elmendorf.

The next year I was 16 & was enrole [enrolled] in the Militia in April the Militia was Clased [classed] in 4 part & I then went a substitute in the first class, our Capt name was Lipe, we were marched to West Point & helped build the forts at the point & returned in five or six weeks in the summer the second Class was called for I again engaged for a month as substitute but before our time expired we were Discharged in the fall I went to the west after the Indians on my own draft we were under the command of A Major Radly so called [called] our Capt's name I forgot we had a Lieut by name Benj'm Steenbery we march'd to a place then called Nunbackus where they lay a regiment of U.S. troops command by Colonel Courtland while three or five days news came that the Indians had come down & were burning & distroying [destroying] property & volunteers was calld for to drive of [off] the Indians. I was one of the volunteers. There was 16 of us Militia & 24 or the U.S. troops we were command by a Capt Graham of the US troops & our Lieut Stenberg.

We march[ed] as fast as possible & found houses & barns & stacks of grain burning we pushed on through the wood & Indian paths till we got to a place then called Laghawag where was two log houses & a number of Indian huts which [?] we destroyed & took possession of the log buildings & remained there 6 days & every day sent out scouting partys through the woods but found no Indians.

After six days we returned to Camp after bring from home five or six weeks. We were Discahrged while I lived at Rhonebeck I was often cal'd [called] out on alarms & often volunteered to go a tory hunting. In the year 1780. I lived in Albany & was often cal'd out in the Militia in Alarms the officers I do not now recollect. I lived in Albany until April 1783. I then moved into Richmond County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts where I lived 2 years then came into Columbia County State of N. York.

Where I now reside in a town called [?] in my 71<sup>st</sup> Year take al the time together served I think is short of 1 year but at least 9 month.

At Rhinebeck news came that there was a spy from Canada & I volunteered to go after the spy & we took him and sent him to Jail at Poughkeepsie.

The above was written when I was in my 71<sup>st</sup> year but is plain in my recollection [recollection] I am now in my 77 year. (Signed) David Leonard.

The above statement subscribed & sworn to this 22d day of November 1838 before me. Erastus Pratt Jus. Peace.