

**Pension Application for Augustus or Augustine Levake or Lavoke
Name also spelled Levaque, Levague & Leveque**

S.40920

State of Vermont

Chittendon County SS.

On this second day of April 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the assistant Judges of Chittendon County Court personally appears Augustus Levake aged sixty five years resident in Tolton who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress Entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Navel Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he the said Augustus Levaque enlisted in [?] in the province of Lower Cannada [sic] (1) in the month of January in the year 1776 in a company commanded by Capt Campbell (2) of the South River in S'd province in a Regiment commanded by Coll Dougall & Retreated with the Army from Quebeck and continued in the service of the United States until the month of December following when he again enlisted in the City of Albany in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Capt. James Robesheau (of Lower Canada who also retreated with the American Army from Quebeck) in a Regiment commanded by Coll James Livingston (3) in the New York lines.

That he continued to serve in s'd corps or in the service of the United States until the month of December in the year 1782 (4) when he was Honourably discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey.

That he was in the battles of Fort Stanwick & with Burguoin and in the Battle of Rhode Island (5) the two last Battles he was wounded.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he hath no other evidence now in his power of his said service. (Signed with his mark) Augustus Leverque

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Joel Brownson

Letter in folder dated April 26, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Augustus LaVake, a soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.40920, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Augustus or Augustine Levake, the name also appears Lavoke, Levaque, Levague and Leveque.

He enlisted in the Province of Lower Canada, sometime in January 1776 and served as a private until sometime in December 1776 in Captain Campbell's company in Colonel McDougal's New York regiment, and was in the retreat from Quebec. He enlisted in Albany, New York, sometime in December, 1776 and served in Captain James Robicheaux's company in Colonel James Livingston's regiment, was in the battles of fort Stanwix, Saratoga, and Rhode Island, was wounded in the last two battles, nature of wounds not stated, served until sometime in December, 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 2, 1818, at which time he was living in Bolton, Vermont, and was aged sixty-five years.

He died, date not given, leaving a widow, whose name is not on record, she died about twelve years after the soldier.

Three sons were referred to as having been in the War of 1812, John, Thomas and Augustus, the latter lost his life in the service.

A son-in-law, Major W. Lear was killed at the battle of Monterey, Mexico, the name of his wife is not shown.

One George J. Levake was in Troy, New York in 1846, no relationship to soldier is stated.

End Notes—S.40920—Augustus Levake

1. The terms Lower Canada and Upper Canada refers to post 1784 time period.
2. Captain Duncan Campbell was in Major Jeremiah Dugan's Rangers. They were mostly French Canadians. A list of men who loaned money in 1776 from this company was found in the private Collection of Thomas Wnuck of Rochester, NY., but unfortunately Levake's name was not on it. A few of the names do appear in 1777 in Colonel James Livingston's First Canadian Continental Regiment. So far a list of officers or enlisted men for this regiment has not been found.
3. James Livingston was appointed Colonel on November 20, 1775 and he was authorized to raise a Continental Regiment in January of 1776. Augustin Leveque enlisted as a private for during war on December 21, 1776 in Captain James Robiceau's Third Company in Colonel Livingston's Regiment. Robicheau's name is at times given as Robison and Robecheaux. Leveque deserted on September 24, 1779 and did not return to the regiment FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1778-1783, Series M-246, Roll 133, folder 222, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. Colonel Livingston's Regiment was consolidated with other regiments on January 1, 1781. All French Canadians that still had time left to serve were transferred to Colonel Moses Hazen's Second Canadian Continental Regiment.
5. Colonel Livingsgton's Regiment was part of Major General Benedict Arnold's relief column to Fort Schuyler in late August of 1777 and was not part of the siege. The Battles of Saratoga were fought on Sepbember 19 and October 7, 1777. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered the remnants of his invading army on October 17, 1777. The Battle of Rhode Island (Butt's Hill or Quaker's Hill) was fought on August 29, 1778.