

Pension Application for James Losley

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State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Dutchess now sitting James Losley a resident of the Town of Pleasant Valley in said Dutchess County and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy one years on the twenty fifth day of December last past, who having 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States at Brooklin [sic] in the County of Kings in the State of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the month of June or July in a company under the command of Captain Gordon and served in the sixteenth Regiment of the line of the United States under the following named officers, General Puttnam [sic] having command of the detachment, and the Regiment to which his company was attached being under the command of Colonel Day. The others, not now recollected—and that he continued in service, under said enlistment, until the termination of the war—

That when he entered the service he resided in the Town of Brooklyn in the County of kings and State aforesaid.

That the first battle in which he was engaged, was the one commonly known by the battle of Long Island, fought sometime in the month of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as near as he recollects.

From thence returned to the City of New York and was marched with Captain Gordon's company to Harlam Heights, where they remained a short time—and from thence to White Plains, and was engaged in the battle at or near White Plains in the fall of the same year.

From thence, they returned to Harlam Heights where they remained a short time.

When they passed over into Newark in the State of New Jersey—through New Jersey by New Brunswick Princeton & Trenton and crossing the Delaware river, into Pennsylvania, having been closely pursued by the enemy during the whole march from Harlaem Heights to the Delaware River.

That they remained at different places in the State of Pennsylvania not now recollected until the month of December when they crossed the Delaware River to Trenton, in New Jersey in the night and was engaged in the battle fought there, with the Hessians in the month of December seventeen hundred and seventy six.

That in the month of January following he was engaged in the battle at Princeton, after which they entered into winter quarters at Morris Town—and remained there until sometime in the month of May—when they marched form MorrisTown to Middle brook, where they were encamped for some time. From thence

they crossed the Delaware River in the month of August, passed through Philadelphia marched southerly and encamped on the eastern bank of the Brandywine, where they were attacked by the British Army—and a battle ensued where General LaFayette was wounded and the loss on both sides considerable—

From Brandywine they were marched to Philadelphia, and from thence to Redding and soon after went into Winter Quarters at the Valley Forge, in Pennsylvania, where they remained, until the spring of seventeen hundred and seventy eight.

From their winter quarters at the Valley Forge they were marched into New Jersey and was engaged in the battle of Monmouth which took place about mid-summer in which battle Captain Gordon was killed, and Captain Garrison was appointed in his place.

That he was engaged in the battle of Germantown, in the fall of the same year as he believes. After the battle of Germantown they went into winter quarters at Middle brook in New Jersey where they [??? tear in paper] until spring of seventeen hundred and seventy nine.

That from this time until the taking of Cornwallis—he was constantly with the army under Genl Washington in different parts of New Jersey & in the activity of New York City until Genl Washington determined to march the whole body of troops under his immediate command to Your town in the state of Virginia where the army arrived some time in the fall of 1781.

That he was in the battle in which Cornwallis was taken prisoner & clearly recollect to have witnessed the surrendering of the delivery of the sword by Cornwallis.

After this battle returned with the army to the North & encamped at Newburgh in the State of New York when the whole service was afterwards discharged at the termination of the war which he thinks was some time in the year 1782.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed with his mark) James Losley

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry J. Tanner, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.