

Pension Application for Lewis Quick

R.21681

State of New York

Tioga County SS

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Lewis Quick the claimant on the original declaration hereto annexed who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that on the 24th day of July 1776. He became sixteen years of age and liable to military duty.

That he resided at that time in the Town of New Malbury on the west side of the Hudson River in the County of Ulster in the State of New York. That he belonged to and was enrolled in the Regiment of militia commanded by Col. VanTyne and in the company commanded by Capt. Stephen Case in which he served as a private.

And he declares that In the fall of the year 1776 and as nigh as he can remember in the forepart of October a detachment of the Regiment aforesaid was ordered out to the Frontier Settlements by Col. VanTyne before named.

This dedponent was In the expedition, we were march'd to the Posts of Cripple Bush, Newtown and PeenPack respectively and were encamped a short time at each of those places; and after reconnoitering the county were march'd home having been two months at least in this tour.

Through the course of the winter following he was out one or two short alarms against the tories but cannot recollect the particulars so as to give them in detail.

And he further declares that in the spring of the year 1777 the campaign opened by orders for detachments to be divided between the North river and the Frontier service; on the former we had to guard against the British; on the latter against the tories and Indians.

On the river this deponent was out on two tours of one month each; he was at Fort Constitution, Montgomery and other places upon the river; and he was also out two tours of one month each upon the frontier which makes during this year ('77) four months he was out in the service in an embodied corps.

And he further declares that in the following year ('78) the same orders were issued for the Posts on the River and frontier to be garrisoned and guarded and at this period the deponent understood that the orders came from Gov. George Clinton.

In the course of the year last aforesaid this deponent performed two tours of duty upon the River of one month each and one expedition of one month and upwards upon the frontier besides being at all times in readiness and attending to sudden and frequent alarms.

And he further declares that in the following year 1779 an attempt was made by our officers for longer engagements and it was finally agreed that our tours should be two months.

From early in the spring of this year to the following winter this deponent performed one tour of two months upon the frontiers and one tour of two months upon the Hudson and this latter expedition was most of the time at West Point.

And he further declares that in the following year (1780) he performed one tour of duty upon the River of two months; was at West Point, New Windsor and Esopus, and was also out on one short expedition of one month upon the Frontier in pursuit of the Indians.

And he further declares that in the following year 1781 he was out in one expedition upon the frontier against the Indians of two months; was most of the tour in marching from one post to another as far as the Jersey line.

After we were march'd home and in the month of September as he thinks we had orders to rendezvous at FishKill upon the east side of the River in the County of Dutchess.

We were stationed here upwards of a month and while here he well remembers signing a Petition to the Legislature praying that the lands of the Tories might be confiscated and fortified to the state; we were then dismissed and march'd home.

And he further declares that in the next year 1782 he was out one tour of two months upon the frontier and on service similar to that performed in the preceding years which makes in the aggregate one year and nine months which he feels conscious he distinctly recollects; besides much other service in the cause he is equally conscious of having performed but is unable for want of sufficient memory to give it in detail and he further states that he cannot recollect the officers who commanded at the different posts where he was stationed as before related through he always acted under orders and that he supposed competent authority—

And for some time past he has endeavoured by letters and otherwise to procure evidence of his services but as yet is unable. (Signed) Lewis Quick

Sworn and subscribed this 30th day of September 1834 by the said Lewis Quick to me known to be a credible witness before me. John W. Wisner J.P.