

Pension Application for John Slawson or Slauson

W.24981 (Widow: Rhoda Stanton, born Oct 4, 1767, married Nov 20 1788. John died March 17, 1851.)

B.L.Wt.12573-160-55.

Pvt & Sergt, Captain Lewis, Col. Crane.

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said Court of Westchester now sitting at the Court house in white Plains in said County, John Slawson of the Town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester aged sixty nine years on the twenty ninth day of January next 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. That is to say.—That this Delarent in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty was living in the Town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester, aged sixty nine years on the twenty ninth day of January next, 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. That is to say.—That this Declarent in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty was living in the Town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester where he was born & liv'd hitherto resided and on the second day of November in the year last mentioned this Declarent enlisted at the Town of Bedford in the said County of Westchester as a private for the space of six months in a company of New York State Troops commanded by Cap'n Samuel Lewis and which company belonged to a Regiment of Militia within the said County of Westchester Commanded by Col. Thaddeus Crane.

That the aforesaid Company to which this declarent belonged and in which he enlisted as aforesaid although belonging to the aforesaid Regiment of Militia commanded by Coll Crane, was called State Troops or Levies and specially enlisted to Guard the American Lines in then the said County of Westchester. That this declarent in then three days after his aforesaid Enlistment joined his said Company and was marched with them by his said Captain Anthony Tripps to North Castle to in the said County where this declarent continued constantly in service under arms in his said company guarding the American Lines then kept in that vicinity and going out on parties when ordered by their said Captain till the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one when this declarent with his said company then under the command of the Lieutenant of said company, one Jehiel Bouton was attached by the British forces at North Castle in the said County under Coll James Holmes and said Company were all that were there either taken prisoners, killed or wounded. Except this declarent and one Smith Scofield who escaped. That this declarant recollects that a man by the name of Henry Marshall belonging to said company was killed in the aforesaid engagement several more left wounded on the Field (supposed mortally) among the number was a man by the name of Squire Francher who afterwards partially recovered and was placed on the Pension List of Invalid Pensioners on account of his wounded received at the aforesaid engagement. That [?] Raymond a private belonging to said company was taken prisoner at the aforesaid engagement and carried to New York and was confined in the Sugar House for several months. That about one month before the aforesaid engagement, this Declarent with his aforesaid company were attached to a company in the said County commanded by Lieutenant Mosier and had an engagement at North Castle in the said county with a party of the British Light Horse and took nine of said Light Horse prisoners. The British forces last mentioned belonged to what was then called Delancy's Corps and at the time last mentioned

burnt several houses in North Castle aforesaid among the number were the Houses of Peter Lyon, Andrew Sniffen, Carpenter & others. And this declarant further states that there was not any Continental Officer Soldiers present in either of the aforesaid engagements.

And this declarant further saith that at the time of the aforesaid engagement on the 18th of March 1781, their said Cap'n Samuel Lewis was at his home in Poundridge aforesaid sick and three men home on parole. That this Declarant the said Smith Scofield who escaped as aforesaid immediately repaired to their said Captain's residence and informed him of the said engagement he then ordered this Declarant & the four others of said Company back to North Castle to take care of the wounded & dead immediately return & do so, and continued about one making that service when one of the wounded & having died & the other removed home this declarant and his four companions of said company were ordered by their said Captain Samuel Lewis to join and did join the ourselves to a company of Rangers then stationed as a Guard at Middle Patent in the said County on the American Lines commanded by the aforesaid Lieutenant Mosier with whom this declarant accordingly continued to serve as such private till his said six months enlistment expired on the 2nd day of May 1781 when then said Cap'n Samuel Lewis came down and verbally directed this Declarant with the other four men to return home & he did so with his Cap'n but did not receive and discharge.

That this declarant thus served out in actual service under arms his aforesaid enlistment of six months in Cap'n Samuel Lewis's Company as aforesaid, and during the whole of said six months was never home or absent but one & that for one day after the engagement as aforesaid when he was [?] to give the information to his said Captain as aforesaid.

That there is no person living whom this deponent now knows who can testify to this Declarant's aforesaid service of six months except Lands Raymond of the Town of Neversink in Sullivan County in this state who was with this Declarant in said Company till he was taken prisoner as aforesaid and whose affidavit is hereunto annexed, in support of his present application.

That in the month of July in the year 1781 (but the particular day of the month this Declarant cannot now recollect) he enlisted at Bedford aforesaid as a Sergeant for nine months in a Company of Militia Commanded by Cap'n Samuel Lewis of Poundridge aforesaid and this Declarant immediately joined his said company and they were marched to Middle Patent in said county of Westchester to Guard the American Lines in said county that this declarant continued to do duty as a Sergeant in said Company on the American Lines in said county in actual service till sometime in the month of April 1782, when this Declarant's said nine months enlistment having expired he was verbally discharged by his said Captain at Bedford aforesaid and returned to his home.

That Captain Samuel Lewis of his said Company is dead and this Declarant does not know of any person that served with this Declarant in his last mentioned company now living—

Within 300 miles of this Declarant who can testify to his aforesaid services on said last mentioned company except James Dun now residing in the Town of Poundridge aforesaid who occasionally as a volunteer during said nine months did duty as a private in said last mentioned company with this Declarant, and whose affidavit is hereunto annexed in support of his present application. That during the rest of the Revolutionary War this Declarant lived in Poundridge aforesaid and was occasionally called out and did duty in Cap'n Samuel Lewis's Company of Militia at said town whenever he was required.

And this Declarant in answer to the questions prescribed by the war department and put to him by the said Court answers as follows.—viz. That he has a record of his age which he now produced and presents to said court by which it appears as in fact it is. That he this Declarant was born at New Canaan in the State of Connecticut on the 29th day of January in the year 1764, where he lived till he was eight years old when he removed with his parents to Poundridge aforesaid, where he has ever since resided except when absent on Military duty during the Revolutionary War and also except eighteen months in

the years 1830 & 1831 he was absent in Onondaga County in this state on a visit to his children living there.

That he lived in Poundridge aforesaid at the several times he entered the service as aforesaid and now resides in said Town of Poundridge. That he always volunteered and enlisted as aforesaid but was not ever drafted neither did he ever serve as a substitute. That this Declarant recollects Col. Sheldon & Major Talmadge as some of the Regular officers with the troops where he served and the following continental & Militia Regiments, viz Col. Sheldons Regiment of Horse Col. Thomas Regiment & Col. Thaddeus Crane's Regiment of Militia. That the general circumstances of his service are as he has above set forth in this his declaration.

That he never received any other than verbal discharges from the service as aforesaid, neither has he any documentary or written evidence of his aforesaid enlistments services or discharges.

That he is known in his present neighborhood to the Hon. Ezra Lockwood and Horatio Lockwood Esq both residing in the town of Poundridge aforesaid who can testify as to this declarants character for veracity their belief of age and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. 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—That there is not any clergyman living in this vicinity who is sufficiently acquainted with him to testify as to his character as aforesaid. (Signed) John Slawson

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid before me. N. Bayles, Clk of said Court