

Pension Application for Levi Watson

S.44023

At a Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Schoharie in the State of New York on the third day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty at the Court House in the town of Schoharie.

Present The Honorable William Beekman first Judge

Herman Bouck

Henry Schafer, Judges

Personally appeared in open court, being a Court of Records of the said County of Schoharie, Levi Watson aged Seventy eight years resident in the town of Blenheim in the County of Schoharie who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that he enlisted into the service of the United States on the Continental establishment either in the month of March or April in the year 1776, the particular month or day he does not now remember, in the company commanded by Captain Johnson, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois, in the New York line, in the County of Dutchess, about 25 miles East of Poughkeepsie the name of the town he does not recollect, his memory is much impaired by the infirmities of age.

That he continued to serve for the term of three years, when he was honorably discharged, on finding a substitute to serve in his place, during the remainder of the war, that he was in thirteen different Battles, among which were the Battles at fort Montgomery & the Battle at the White Plains, that he made an application for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, on the 15th April 1818 and received a pension certificate numbered 5856.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and an actual resident of the town of Lawrence in the County of Otsego in the State of New York, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and navel service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 10th day of march 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property of [or] securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. (viz)

1 cow worth	\$13.00
2 chests, 1 dollar each 1 table 1 dollar	3.00
2 trammels \$2.00 1 pair andirons \$1.25	3.25
Shovel and tongs \$2. Flat irons \$1 2 small kettles \$1	4.00
1 kettle .75 1 spider .50 tea kettle \$1.00 1 pot \$1 tin pan .75	4.00
1 stand 1.25 1 ax .50 5 chairs 1.25 looking lass .50	3.50
2 tumblers .25 1 glass .06 5 plates 0.37 7 bowls .75	1.43
6 teacups & saucers .25 teapot.19 decanter.31	0.75
Steelyards .75 tin pail, dipper, skinner .46	1.19
Meat fork & snuffers 19, 1 sett knives & forks \$1.00	\$1.19
Wooden Bowl, 6 Pewter Bason & earthen pan .68	0.72

1 Sett Iron, spoon 1 Saus pan 37 ½ 1 bread pan 19	0.56 ½
1 funnel 6 1 hatchet & hammer .37 1 salt mortar 19	0.62
1 skillet .19 2 tubs 50 half barrel, 50 Pickel tub and churn	4.19
Meet barrel & wash tub 1.50 little wheel 1.0 pocket knife 12	2.62
2 Pails & Piggin 50 1 sugar cup 12, 1 old great wheel .25	0.87
Gridiron, Kealer, milk pan, pewter platter skinner	1.12 /3
Pewter Bason, [?] Lugs razor & box pint bottle	1.19
2 Sugar boxes, tin cup, pint mugs, pr scissors	0.47
2 tin pans full of holes & old hoe	0.12
	\$47.80

That I have no other property except my clothing and bedding indifferent in quality and of small value. That I have no trade, am old infirm and unable to work, or support myself in any way, that I was a Charge on the town two years before I drew my pension & have been since with the assistance of my pension been able to live without aid from the from the town—that I have a wife by the name of Rachel aged seventy eight years in February last, she is old and unable to work, in addition to that she broke her leg last April & has been much trouble to me, our extreme poverty, inability to work, and this accident of my wife has consumed all my money I have drawn, besides taxing the kindness and charity of our friends—that we live in a small house belonging to my son in law, the use of which we have given to us, that I stand in need of assistance from my country for support, as I am wholly dependent on public or private charity for support of myself and wife—that there are no other persons belonging to my family or who live with me. (Signed) Levi Watson

Sworn in open Court this 3d day of October 1820 before me. John Swart, Clerk