

**Pension Application for William Lane**

S.10965 William died in LaGrange, Dutchess County on April 8, 1837. He left no widow and only one son and heir, William Lane Jr., residing in LaGrange, Dutchess County, New York.

Dutchess Com. Pleas

The Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the town of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the twenty sixth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two—

Present

Edmund H. Pendleton

Robert S. Livingston

Albro Akin

Stp[ehen Thorn

Joseph J. Jackson

Judges

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this day appeared in open court before the court now sitting (the same being a court of record for said County) William Lane a resident of the town of LaGrange in the said County aged 73 years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the fore part of the year 1776 at Newtown on Long Island being then about 17 years old, he was drafted in a company of militia commanded by Captain Coe, joined at Newtown, went thence to Brooklyn, the enemy were then on Long Island, passed with the company to New York city, the army crossed the river about the same time, at New York deponent was under command of Captain Wright, does not know what became of Captain Coe, was at a number of places about New York, Harlaem, Morrissania, below Kingsbridge, above Kingsbridge thence wen to Peekskill thence went to Haverstraw where he was taken sick and was dismissed, served most of the season but can not at this time state the length of his service, deponent is without education and unable to read or write, and can not recollect to what regiment he was attached during the service, if any, or the names of his officers. He went to Fishkill and staid there until the first of August 1777, when he enlisted in the New York State troops for three years in the regiment commanded by Colonel William Malcom; was enlisted by Jonah Hallet a recruiting officers, does not recollect by rank, joined the company commanded by Captian Nathaniel Tom, at Smiths Cove below Newburgh thence to WestPoint and joined the regiment, staid there and in the neighbourhood through the next winter, according to deponents best recollection, that

he was occasionally a waiter to Captain Tom, and was with him some times at Fishkill & the neighbourhood.

The next season went to Pennsylvania, under Captain Tom, and was attached with the company to Colonel Spencer's regiment of the New Jersey troops, was at Valley Forge where he passed the winter, remembers Lieutenants Ely & Robert of the same company, saw General Washington there, Aaron Burr was there Anthony Maxfield was ensign of Toms company. The next season left Valley Forge, deponent can not distinctly recollect where they went to, until the battle of Monmouth, deponent was in that battle, the weather was very warm can not from recollection tell the month or year, after this was with the army, remembers being at Morristown, stood centry near General Washington's quarter, was at West Point.

Went with Captain Tom to Dover in Dutchess County, and left him there, he gave deponent a pass to join his regiment, never saw him afterwards, deponent joined the regiment at Chestnut ridge in New Jersey, was attached to Captain White's company in Colonel Spencer's regiment, believes he wintered there, though he can not distinctly recollect, was at a place called the English neighbourhood, afterwards went to Kakiat near the North River where he was discharged by Captain White on the second of August 1780 after serving three years, he received a discharge in writing from Captain White, but being unable to read he can not say by whom it was signed, his discharge was soon after left at a house at Rocky Forest in Orange County and was then lost or destroyed.

From Kakiat deponent went to Rocky Forest and remained there till the next spring when men were raised by classes to go to the frontiers, entered as a Classman & received bounty as such in Captain Whites company (not the captain White before named) went to Napenock beyond Wawarsing & [Hombacus?] in Ulster County, they were there as a guard on the frontiers and were stationed a few men at a house in small parties, does not remember the name of any officer except Captain White, he was dismissed in the fall of the year, had no written discharge, served six or eight months, is not certain as to the time, returned to Rocky Forest and remained there through the winter and the next spring joined in the same way as a classman under Captain Piercy in the same service on the frontiers went to Napinock and was stationed in the same house as in the year before, staid there till fall and was dismissed as before without receiving a written discharge.

He was born in the City of New York, he has not any record of his age, and does not now known exactly how old his is except from his recollection of what his age was when he first entered the service on Long Island.

He has lived in the County of Dutchess in the Town of Beekman, now LaGrange, and Clinton, for upwards of 40 years past.

Deponent has not any documentary evidence of his services and does not know any person by whom he can prove the same.

He is illiterate, could not keep any memorandums, and from lapse of time and loss of recollection is unable to name any Continental or other regiments in service with him or the names of officers other than is herein set forth.

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. He refers to Peter G. Palen, Owen Ward, Solomon Seight & John Ingraham for proof of his character & reputation as to service. (Signed with his mark) William Lane  
Sworn and subscribed September 25<sup>th</sup>? 1842.

Henry Traver, Clerk