

Pension Application for Abraham Lapius

S.15284

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this seventeenth day of October 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 now sitting, Jacob Abraham Lapius a resident of the town of Glenville in said County & State, aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

He was born in the town of Canajoharie in the then County of Tryon in the then Colony now the State of New York on the twenty seventh day of April 1757. He has no record of his age except that contained in his family Bible.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in said town of Canajoharie and since the Revolutionary War he has lived in the town of Greenbush in the County of Rensselaer in said state & he now lives in the town of Glenville aforesaid.

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

As soon as he arrived at the age of nineteen, in the spring of the year 1775, he was enrolled in the Company of militia commanded by Captain Frederick Getman in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment.

From said Company he was drafted on very many occasions during said war & served for the term of four weeks and five weeks each at Fort Plank, Fort Plain, Fort Herkimer & other forts with the troops stationed in mounting guard as parties of the enemy with their savage allies were continually making descents on the settlements in that vicinity.

There being a continual warfare carried on in the neighborhood of those forts, he was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy, and was often out as a scout & Indian spy. It is impossible for him to specify the different occasions in which he thus served, and the number of days he served in each occasion. But he knows that the different terms of his services as aforesaid as a guard & scout greatly exceeded when added together a period of six months.

In the year 1776, he was drafted to go to Ticonderoga in Captain Edick's Company of Militia—other officer's names not now recollected. This was in the close of the year 1776 or the beginning of the year 1777. He was there engaged for the term of one month in guarding that fortress, as the enemy was expected to make an attack in that quarter.

In the month of July 1776, he was with the detachment of militia under General Herkimer, which marched to Unadilla where General Herkimer had a conference with Brant and his warriors.

He was from home in this expedition about three weeks. L; He was in the battle of Oriskany in August 1777, & was near Major Klapsettle when he received his death

wound. In this expedition he was from home eight or then days. In the fall of the year 1777, when Burgoyne & his army surrendered themselves prisoners of war, he was with the militia of his Regiment in service at Fort Edward & Saratoga & other posts in that quarter for the term of one month.

In the year 1778 he performed garrison Duty at Stone Arabia for the term of nearly four months in one engagement, under the officers of said militia Company.

In the spring of the year 1779, he was drafted & served with the troops under General Clinton who joined General Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians marched to Genesee & other Indian settlements. He served in this expedition for the term of more than six months.

This the whole period for which he served in the revolutionary war exceeded two years and nine months.

The principal battles or skirmishes in which he engaged during said war were the battle of Oriskany aforesaid & in the Battle at Stillwater in 1777.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Herkimer, & those whose names are herein before mentioned besides those whose names are herein before mentioned. [sic]

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit; Abramrus VanSlyk and Gershorn Vanderheyden.

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. (Signed) Jacob Abraham Llapius

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid. John S. Vrooman.