

Pension Application for Reuben Lewis

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State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On this tenth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Sullivan in the State of New York, Reuben Lewis a resident of the Town of Nevisink [Neversink]—said County aged seventy five years, nearly, 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 & served as herein stated.

He was born in the County of Boston, Massachusetts, in the year 1758, he has a record thereof in the family bible at his residence in Nevisink.

In the year 1776 about June, enlisted for 3 months in Captain Hodges Company of Militia at Cambridge above Albany in the State of New York, does not recollect the other Subaltern in Colonel VanWirtz Regiment—went to West Point with the Company, staid there about 2 weeks, then marched up the river Hudson to Albany—staid there about 2 weeks, thence marched to Fort Edward, & staid there till his 3 months was out but received no written discharge—Genl Schuyler commanded at Fort Edward—does not recollect the name of any other Continental officers.

After being dismissed went home to Cambridge where he then lived. The next year about May enlisted at Cambridge as a volunteer for 9 months under Captain Bloodgood (now dead) of the Continental Army—does not recollect the number fothe Regiment John McKinstry was the Colonel General Starks commanded – does not recollect the names of the subaltern officers of the company but thinks the Ensigns name was also Bloodgood—marched to Fort Edward staid there three or four months, then marched to Fort Ann & then to Skenesborough, staid about a month & returned to Fort Edward—while there the Indians came about the fort & burnt the buildings in the neighborhood. There were only about 30 men in the fort at that time under the command of a Sargeant. There was no battle—remained at fort Edward near a month, & shortly (a few days after the Indians went away, left the fort & wen tot Fort Miller above Saratoga, staid there 2 or 3 weeks & then marched to Saratoga, Genl Burgoyne with the British troops were pursuing them. Genl Starks was the command of the Americas on their march. Marched to Bemis heights & was engaged in the battle there. Gen. Gates commanded the American forces—Gen. Arnold was there also, was present when Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga flats in October 1777—then went to Albany & remained till his 9 months was out in the winter, received no written discharge. Went home to Cambridge.

Next spring in May or June enlisted, as a volunteer Militia Company under Captain Scott, there was no particular Regiment, nor any other commissioned officers in the company—went to Skenesborough & staid about 2 weeks while there the Indians came & took Captain Scott prisoner & killed some of the company & took all

the others prisoner, except deponent & one Beebe who made their Escape. Beebe was pursued and was finally shot by the Indians—the Indians destroyed the magazine at Skenesborough. Deponent went to Fort Edward & staid about 2 weeks when the moth for which he enlisted expired he went home—received no written discharge—went home—after the war lived in Cambridge till about 40 years ago—then moved [to] Sacondaga lived there about 20 years & then moved to the Town of Nevsink [sic] where he has since resided & now lives.

Has no documentary Evidence—and does not know of any person now living who has a knowledge of his services as above stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Reuben Lewis

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid being first read to deponent, Clerk of Sullivan Com. Pleas.