

Pension Application for Jacob Lobdell

S.13787

State of New York

West Chester County SS.

On this 11th day of December in the year 1833 appeared before me Ezra Lockwood Esqr. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester the same being a Court of Record, Jacob Lobdell a resident of the Town of North Salem in the said County aged Seventy Seven 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1775 Declarant was enrolled in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Nathaniel De Lavan (1) in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Thomas that in the Spring of the year 1776 a levy was made on the Militia in deponent's county on which a part was required of the several Regiments to go into actual service the companies of the Regiments were classed and each class was to furnish an able bodied man an able bodied man well equipped or in [?] a man from each class was to be taken by draft and Declarant further states that on or about the first of March in the said year 1776 he was drafted from the said company of Captain Nathaniel DeLavan & that he immediately equipped himself and was called into actual service as a Private that this Declarant was attached to Captain Henry Slawson's(2) Company in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment that he joined his company and marched with the Regiment to New York at which place the said Regiment was attached to the Continental Army that he served at Long Island and at New York until the retreat of the American Army that he was with the Army at the first Battle on Long Island (3) and retreated with his Regiment that immediately after their retreat as aforesaid this Declarant was taken sick with the Disentary [Dysentery] which then prevailed in the Army and in consequence [?????] to his father's House at North Salem to recruit that [?] during this year including the time of his sickness up to the first of December [January 1777 crossed out] when the campaign closed was seven months that he was sick in the course of this year and unable to perform duty three months and for the residue of the said time of seven months above which time he was on actual duty in an embodied corps called into service by competent authority said service was performed in the field that during the said time of seven months he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And this declarant further states that in the year 1777 he was attached to the company of Captain Nathaniel DeLavan in the Regiment of Colonel Gilbert Drake (4) that he was a Private and called into actual service in an alarm when the Continental Army was destroyed at Danbury and when the Town was burned and Declarant further States that he served in the said Company and Regiment from early in the Spring of this year during the Summer and Autumn until Winter on the lines and below the lines in the County of West Chester at various times and was on duty for the first period or time of five months that the said service was performed in an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority and in the field that during this time he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And this Declarant further states in the early part of the year 1778 in the Spring of that year and still being attached as a private to the company and Regiment last aforesaid now called out into actual service and was stationed with the said Company on the lines and below the lines in the County of West Chester until the first of August then next that he was in actual duty one month and a half. That on the first of August in that year Colonel Samuel Drake took command of the said Regiment which had previously been under the Command of Colonel Gilbert Drake, Ephraim Lockwood (5) took command of the Company to which Declarant was attached that Declarant was called into service that he performed actual duty on the lines and below the lines in the County aforesaid for two months after the said first day of August in the year 1778 that all the service performed by this Declarant in the year 1778 was in an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority and in the field that during this time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

In the year 1779 Declarant still continued attached as a private to Captain Ephraim Lockwood Company in the Regiment by Colo. Samuel Drake that he was called into actual service early in the Spring the Company was marched into the Town of North Castle, Bedford, and White Plains and was stationed on the lines and below the lines in the said County of West Chester that he was in actual Service and performed duty in the course of this year for three months and a half that all the service performed by him in this year was in an Embodied Corps called into service by competent authority and in the field that during this time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

And this Declarant further states that in the year 1780 a new Regiment was formed from Colonel Drake's Regiment and Colonel Thomas' Regiment in the North East part of the County of West Chester that in the Winter of the Year 1780, Lieutenant Colonel Thaddeus Crane (6) took the command of said newly formed Regiment that this Declarant still continued attached to the said Company of Captain Ephraim Lockwood as a private that the said Company was attached to Colonel Crane's Regiment that Declarant was called out with his company early in the Spring of this year was marched down from North Salem to the lines in the said County and below the lines that he

was in actual service on and below the lines as aforesaid at different times and tours of duty during this year for the period of three months that such service was performed in an embodied Corps and called into service by competent authority and in the field that during this time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit—

And this declarant further saith that in the year 1781 he still continued attached as a private to the Company and Regiment last aforesaid that he was called out with the Company early in the Spring of this year, that he was in actual service during this year in the County of West Chester for the term of three months and a half, that the service performed was repelling the incursions of the Cavalry of the Enemy who were constantly passing to and from the lower Towns of the County through the center towns and was in the Northern Towns of the County descending upon the Inhabitants. The Infantry of the Enemy frequently made incursions into the Central Towns, and it became necessary to keep the Militia under arms most of the time until Winter, this Deponent performed actual duty this year for the period of time mentioned in an embodied Corps called into Service by competent authority and in the field that he was not employed in any civil pursuit during this term of service.

And this Declarant further saith that he still continued attached to the said last mentioned Company and Regiment as a private that he was enlisted into actual service in said Company early in the year 1782 that he was marched down to the lines, in the county aforesaid and was then sent on actual duty for two months that the service then performed by him was in an embodied Corps in the field which Corps was called into service by competent authority that he was not employed in any civil pursuit during this time of service.

And this Declarant further states that during the whole period of said service [?] & by him as aforesaid and at time when he was called into actual service as herein before stated he resided in the Town of North Salem in the County of West Chester. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State. That he has no documentary evidence of his service & no other evidence except the Affidavits hereunto annexed. (Signed) Jacob Lobdell

Sworn to and Subscribed the 11th day of December 1833 before me in open court in aforesaid county. Ezra Lockwood.

We Hiram Gilliffe a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church residing in the Town of North Salem in the County of West Chester and Daniel Purdy residing in the same town hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jacob Lobdell who hath subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be seventy seven years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion, we also believe him to be a man of truth and veracity. Hiram Gilliffe; Daniel Purdy.

Sworn and Subscribed before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges in & for Westchester County.

The following Interrogatories were prepondent by the said Judge of the said Court to the said Jacob Lobdell to wit—

1st When and in what year were you born.

Answer, I was born in the Manor of Cortland in West Chester County 22^d May 1756.

2^d Have you any Record of your age and if so where is it.

Answer, I have no Record of my age.

3^d Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer, I was living when called into service in Cuttandt Manor West Chester County at a place now called North Salem. I lived at the same place during the War and ever since the War of the Revolution and I now reside at the same place.

4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer, In the year 1776 I was drafted and performed service as Stated in my Declaration in that year for each other times of Service set forth in his Declaration I was compelled to do Service under and by virtue of the orders of my immediate Officers. I was at no time a Substitute for any person.

5th State the names of some of the Revolutionary Officers who were with the Troops when you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of said service?

Answer, I recollect General Washington (7) I saw him on Long Island I was standing in Centry [Sentry] and the General passed by me, I do not recollect any other Regular Officers. He recollects of the Militia Officers, the following, Colonel Samuel Drake, Gilbert Drake, Col. Thomas Thomas & Thaddeus Crane Major Jesse Truesdale (8) and the other Militia Officers Stated in my Declaration. He has no recollection of any other circumstances of his service except to set forth in the Declaration other than this that he saw the British set fire to the Town of Danbury.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer, I never did receive a written discharge from the service my discharge was always given by the Captain of the Company to which I was attached.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution?

Answer, I name Hiram Gilliffee a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church residing in North Salem and David Purdy of North Salem aforesaid.

And I the said Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester aforesaid do hereby declare my opinion after the investigation of the matter after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named deponent was a Revolutionary Solider and served as he states and I do further Certify that it appears to me that Hiram Gilliffee, that he signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church resident in the Town of North Salem in the County of West Chester and that Daniel Purdy who has also signed the same is a resident of the same place and is a credible person & that their statement is entitled to credit.—

And I do further certify that the said Jacob Lobdell cannot from bodily infirmity attend Court to make his Declaration. Ezra Lockwood

End Notes—S.13787—Jacob Lobdell

1. Jacob enlisted as a private in Captain Nathaniel Delevan's Company in Colonel Pierre VanCortlandt's Third Regiment of Westchester County Militia. Colonel Thomas Thomas commanded the Second Regiment of Westchester County Militia. Captain Delevan was commissioned on September 20, 1775 in Colonel VanCortlandt's Regiment and was not in Colonel Thomas' Regiment. This service was probably in detachments under Colonel Thomas.
2. Captain Henry Slisson (Slawson) appointed Captain of the First Company on March 1, 1776 in the Westchester County Regiment of Minute Men. Joseph Drake was the Colonel, but by February 26, 1776, Samuel Drake is referred to as a colonel of a regiment as he had attended the Provincial Congress to get money to pay his regiment. He was advanced £ 300 on his account. A detachment of the Westchester County Militia was ordered raised by the Provincial Congress to join Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment at New York City. FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol. 1, Weed, Parsons and Company, printers, Albany, N.Y., 1887, pp 75 and 84.
3. The Battle of Long Island, N.Y. was fought on August 27, 1776.
4. Gilbert Drake was the Lieutenant-Colonel appointed on October 19, 1775. Colonel Pierre VanCortlandt resigned because he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1777 and Brigadier General George Clinton was elected Governor. On June 25, 1778, Samuel Drake was commissioned Colonel and John Hyatt was Lieutenant-Colonel in the Third Westchester County Militia. Gilbert Drake had resigned sometime before that event. On the same date Captain Delevan was commissioned Major of the regiment since Major Joseph Strong had also resigned.
5. Ephraim Lockwood was commissioned Captain on June 25, 1778 in Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment.
6. On October 21, 1779 the Council of Appointment ordered that a new regiment be formed as follows: "Formed of different companies of the two regiments commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas and Colonel Drake and sett apart as a distinct Regiment." Thaddeus Crane who was the Major of Colonel Thomas' Regiment was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel. Major Nathaniel Delevan and Captain Lockwood were also in the new regiment.
7. General and Commander-in-Chief George Washington.
8. Jesse Truesdale served as a First Lieutenant in Captain Crane's Company in Colonel Thomas' Regiment. When Crane was promoted to Major; Truesdale was promoted to Captain and on April 12, 1782 he was commissioned Major in Colonel Thomas' Regiment.