

Pension Application for Lawrence Schoolcraft

S.42260

State of New York
Oneida County SS.

On this 14th day of December 1830 personally appeared in our court of Common Pleas in open court, being a court of record by Statute, Lawrence Schoolcraft aged 73 years & upwards a resident of said County who being first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820—That he the said Lawrence Schoolcraft enlisted in the town of Johnstown in the State of New York in the Month of January 1776, in a company commanded by Capt. Andrew Fink in 1st New York Regiment Commanded by Col. Goose VanSchaack (1) for the term of one year—that he continued to serve in said corps until January 1777 when he was discharged at Saratoga. That he enlisted again at Watervliet in the County of Albany on the 15th day of April 1777, for the term of three years or during the war, in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Tiebout (2) in the 3d New York Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Gansevoort—that he continued to serve in said corps, until the 20th day of April 1778—when he was discharged from Service (on procuring Godfrey Ayers as a substitute who was received in his place, who served to the end of the war) as will appear by said discharge hereto annexed—at Fort Schuyler—that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present—that his name has never been placed on the pension list—and that he has never before exhibited a Schedule of his property because he has been heretofore been in possession of some property which enabled him to support himself.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 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 so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service to the United States in the Revolutionary War.", passed on the 18th day of March 1818—and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818; the following changes have taken place in my property viz.

A lot of land of about eleven acres of land & house in Vernon, Oneida Co. sold to Millet H. Shuman for about \$453.00—in the summer of 1820. The amt. rec'd from the sale has been exchanged in support of myself and family & I was also possessed of some personal property, which since the 18th of March 1818 has been some of it lost by bad debts—and some of it expended in support of my family—The house and eleven acres of land retained as long as I could and disposed of it, only when my necessities demanded it.

Schedule of Property.

Real estate, I have none.

Personal property.

I have the privilege of living in a small house & an acre of land during my life.

I own -

1 old horse—worth \$20.00

1 cow \$12.00

2 Sheep \$2.00

1 old horse waggon & harness \$16.00

Ordinary household furniture & wearing apparel for myself & wife \$50.00

Total \$51.00. I owe about \$57.00.

I am aged & infirm and my wife is about 72 years of age & very weakly and infirm. (Signed) Lawrence Schoolcraft.

Sworn & Subscribed in open court before me this 14th day of Decr. 1830. C. Hayden first Judge of Oneida County Courts.

End Notes—S.4226—Lawrence Schoolcraft

1. Lawrence enlisted as a private on February 6, 1776 in Captain Andrew Finck's Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Continental Regiment, which was an un-numbered regiment, raised to reinforce the Continental Army in Canada.
2. Lawrence enlisted as a private on May 9, 1777 for three years in Captain Henry Tiebout's Seventh Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.