

State of New York

Schoharie County ss On this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie and State of New York now sitting Abraham Lawry a resident of the town of Middleburgh in the said County of Schoharie & State of New York 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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That he was born & has always resided in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie. That he was enrolled as a private in the Militia of the State of New York as early as the first day of August in the year 1775. That the Regiment & Company in which he was enrolled at the time of his enrollment was commanded by the following named officers, Colonel Peter Norman, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Helin, Majors Thomas Eckerson and Joseph Becker, Captain Jacob Hager & Lieutenant Cornelius Beach. That he does not recollect the name of the ensign. That he belonged to the same Militia Regiment & company untill the first day of April in the year 1783. That the said Regiment and company were commanded by the above named officers during that time as near as he can recollect. That from the said first day of August in the year 1775 untill the first day of April in the year 1783 he was very frequently on duty in the Service of the United States for short periods of from one day to

one month at a time. That he does not recollect  
the number of different times he was on duty  
That he was during most of those periods under  
the immediate command of some officer of the  
Regiment or Company to which he belonged but  
which officer had the command each period he  
cannot tell. That he does not recollect the exact time  
he entered the service each or any of those periods  
nor the time when he left the service, nor how long  
he was engaged on duty each time. That he was not  
drafted, a volunteer, or substitute any of the above  
periods to his knowledge. That he was ordered into  
the service by some officer of his Regiment or company  
and entered the service in obedience to such orders.

That he was in no Battle during the war. That  
he marched from the middle Fort in Schoharie  
in the year 1780 under Colonel Woorman in pursuit  
of the Indians & Tories under McDonald who  
had been massacring the inhabitants of Schoharie.  
Colonel Harper with a party of Light-Horse from  
Albany went with the American party. That he  
was in the upper Fort in Schoharie when Schoharie  
was burnt in the year 1780. That he went  
several times into those parts of the State of New York  
now the Counties of Delaware, Green & Albany.  
That he was very frequently in the Forts in the now  
County of Schoharie on garrison duty. That he  
does not recollect when he was engaged on duty  
each period. And the said Lawyer saith he is  
positive he was engaged on duty in the service of the  
United States as a private Soldier from the said first  
day of August in the year 1775 until the first day of  
April in the year 1783 at different periods in the  
whole amounting to at least three years

That he has no documentary evidence of his services above set forth. That he never received a written discharge from service. That he has a record of his age in his family Bible

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

Sworn to & Subscribed Abraham Lawyer  
the day & year aforesaid  
in open court John Deborah Jr. Clerk

We John Garretson a Clergyman residing in the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York & ~~Harmanus Beckwith~~ <sup>Harmanus Beckwith</sup> residing in the said town of Middleburgh hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Abraham Lawyer who has subscribed <sup>& sworn</sup> to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy four years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn to & Subscribed John Garretson  
the day & year aforesaid Harmanus Beckwith Jr.  
in open court John Deborah Jr. Clerk.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter & after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier & served as he states - and the Court further certifies that it appears to them that John Garretson who has signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman resident in the town of Middleburgh in the said County of Schoharie and that