

Pension Application for Lodowick Moyer, also Lewis Mayer, Myer, Meyer, etc.

S.11115

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this eleventh day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Herkimer the same being a Court of Record having by Law a clerk & seal now setting Lodowick Moyer a resident of the Town of Fairfield in the said County of Herkimer & State of New York aged Seventy years and upwards 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 and served as herein stated--:

In the Year 1778 said Lodowick Moyer resided on the Royal Grant or Kingsland now in the Town of Little Falls in the County of Herkimer then in the County of Tryon in the State of New York and Early in the Spring as he believes about the first of April 1778 he this deponent enlisted as a substitute for Henry Shaffer his stepfather at Kingsland aforesaid into Capt. McKean's (1) Company for Nine months & was marched to Fort Drayton[Dayton] in Germanflatts on the north side of the Mohawk river & was stationed at said Fort a short time and from thence he was sent with a small party of men to Fort Mike (2) in Germanflatts now the Town of Schuyler in said County on the North side of the Mohawk river & he this deponent was stationed with said party of men under the immediate command of Sergeant John Siver who was the Sergeant in Capt. McKean's Company to guard the inhabitants & their property against the enemy and he this deponent was employed at said Fort Mike in scouting, driving fat cattle to Fort Stanwix; standing on sentry and scouring the country around about in search of Indians and Tories and he continued to serve at said station as above stated until his time expired and he this deponent served in Captain McKean's Company as aforesaid nine months—And this deponent further saith that he does not remember the name of the Col of the Regiment to which Capt. McKean's Company was attached unless it was Col. Van Rensselaer and he cannot say certainly as he was Colonel as he this deponent did not serve the above time in any Regiment under the immediate command of a Colonel—And this deponent further saith that after serving nine months as aforesaid he was discharged sometime in the winter and as he thinks in the last of December 1778 or the forepart of January following but he received no discharge in writing—The officers under whom he served were Capt. McKean Lieut. Smith (3) who had the active command of the company—Sergeant Sivers.

And this deponent further saith that in the Spring & he believes about the first of April 1779 he this deponent enlisted as a volunteer at Fort Plank now in the Town of Minden in Montgomery County into Capt. Bradpick's (4) Company in the State service for nine months and he was marched to Fort Plain and after remaining at said Fort a short time he was sent on command with a small party to Col. Veeder's Block Mills in Cathnewaga [Caughnawaga] & was stationed at the said Block Mills in the state guards and he served in said guards and on Sentry; in scouting and defending the inhabitants & their property against the Indians & Tories, who made frequent inroads upon the settlements at that time in that section of the Country—And this deponent further saith that he served as above stated nine months and he was discharged from the service in the latter part of December 1779 or the forepart of January following but he took no discharge in writing. The officers under whom he served were Capt. Bradpick, Lieut. Helmer; Sergeant Ohrendorff (5) frequently took command of small parties who were sent out to scour the Country—And this deponent saith that he cannot say who was

the Colonel of the Regiment to which Capt. Bradpick's Company belonged as he their deponent did not serve in any Regiment under the immediate Command of a Colonel.

And this deponent further saith that Early in the Spring and he believes about the first of April 1780 he this deponent enlisted as a volunteer at Fort Plank aforesaid into Capt. Bradpick's (6) Company in Col. Van Rensselaer's (7) Regiment in the State service for nine months and he was stationed for some time at Fort Herkimer & from thence he was marched with the company under the Command of Capt. Bradpick to Stone Arabia and stationed at Keyser's Block House and he was employed at said station in scouting & standing sentry & this deponent further saith that he was marched with the company under Capt. Bradpick to Palatine to meet the enemy and that a battle ensued between The American forces under the Command of Col. Van Rensselaer (8) and the Indians and Tories commanded as was said by Col. Butler & Sir John Johnson -This battle was fought in a field called Failing's Orchard on the north side of the Mohawk river and he this deponent was engaged in the battle under the Command of Capt. Bradpick and was stationed with one division of the American Troops on a hill where they fought-The enemy gave way and fled across the river and retreated to the west as was said but this deponent did not follow in pursuit-And this deponent further saith that he served nine months and was discharged in the latter part of December 1780 or the forepart of January following but he received no discharge in writing-the officers under whom he served were Capt. Bradpick Lieut Coppernoll (9) Col. Willett. (10)

And this deponent further saith that early in the Spring and he believes the first of April 1781 he this deponent enlisted as a volunteer at Fort Plank aforesaid into Capt. Putman's (11) company in Col. Willett's Regiment in the State service for nine months and he was stationed at Fort Plank and then at Fort Plain and stood Sentry and was sent out in scouting and afterwards he was marched with the company under the Command of Capt. Putman to Johnstown along with Col. Willetts Regiment and the British Indians & Tories had appeared there in a considerable force and a battle followed which was fought near Johnstown between the forces under the Command of Col. Willett and the Enemy commanded as was said by Col. Walter Butler & Maj. Ross (12) -And this deponent saith that he was engaged in this battle with the Company under the Command of Capt. Putman and the Enemy were routed and made them retreat up the north side of the Mohawk river-Col. Willetts Regiment pursued the Enemy in their flight and this deponent was placed in charge of some prisoners, who were taken on their retreat-This deponent pursued the enemy with Col. Willett's Regiment & arrived at West Canada Creek (13) where the Enemy had crossed, shortly after Col. Butler was shot on the opposite bank by an Oneida Indian-The Indian immediately forded the creek & came up to Butler and in spite of his entreaties dispatched him as the story was told with his Tomahawk on the spot-This deponent felt no pity for Butler who it was said was one who led on the massacre of the inhabitants of Cherry Valley-And this deponent further saith that Col. Willetts Regiment followed the Enemy about a day after crossing West Creek in hopes to take them but the weather was bad & stormy and being short of provisions they were unable to go farther in the pursuit and Col. Willett ordered his Regiment to return and after undergoing much fatigue & suffering by cold & hunger they arrived back upon the Mohawk river (14) & this deponent was stationed with Capt. Putman's Company at Fort Plain & employed in scouting and standing Sentry until he was discharged-And he this deponent served as above stated nine months in the Year 1781 and was discharged in the last of December 1781 or the forepart of January following but he received no discharge in writing except that Col. Willett gave him as he thinks a written discharge of which he is not certain but if he did the said discharge has been lost or destroyed-The officers under whom this deponent served were Capt. Putman, Lieut. Putman (15) who was a brother of Capt. Putman; Col. Willett.

And this deponent further saith that early in the spring & he believes the first of April 1782 he this deponent enlisted as a volunteer at Fort Plank aforesaid into Capt. Putman's (16) Company on Col. Willett's Regiment in the state service for nine months and he was stationed at Fort Plain in Capt. Putman's Company and served on Sentry and was frequently sent out with small parties to scour the country in search of the Indians & Tories and that he this deponent served nine months under the command of Capt. Putman & was discharge in the latter part of December 1782 as he believes but received no discharge in writing. The officers under whom he served were Capt. Putman Lieut. Putman Col. Willett.

And this deponent further saith that he was born at Freshwiller in Germany on the sixth day of July in the Year 1762.—

He had a record of his age in his Bible at his home in Fairfield aforesaid.—

He was living at Kingsland now Town of Little Falls in the said County of Herkimer when he was first called into the service in 1778 & when he was called into the service in the years 1779, 1780, 1781, & 1782 he was living near Fort Plank now in the Town of Minden Montgomery County & State of New York and since the Revolutionary War he resided in Fairfield in Herkimer County aforesaid eight or nine years & next in Manheim in said County of Herkimer a number of years & then he returned back to Fairfield aforesaid and has resided where he now resides in said Town about fifteen years now last past. And this deponent further saith that Peter Mower, Jacob Widrig, William Kisner served with this deponent in the war of the Revolution & knows that this deponent served in said war as they have stated in their respective affidavits.

And this deponent further saith that there were no regular officers who were with the troops where he served that the recollects except Col. Willett and except in the battle at Johnstown in 1781 he saw regular officers but he was not acquainted with them & he does now [not] recollect their names—

And this deponent further saith that the following are the names of persons to whom he is known in this present neighborhood viz. William Feeter & Hiram Nolton who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity & their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier—And this deponent saith that there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood—

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 the agency of any State.

(Signed with his mark) Lodowick Moyer

Sworn in open court Feby 11th 1833 Julius T. Wilson Clerk

End Notes—S.11115—Lodowick Moyer

1. This was actually in the year of 1779. Captain Robert McKean was appointed captain in April of 1779 in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies. A muster or payroll for this company has not been located.
2. Fort Mike was the blockhouse at or near New Germantown, now Town of Schuyler, Herkimer County.
3. Lieutenant John Smith was appointed in April of 1779. Sergeant John Sever could be John Seeber.
4. John Breadbake was appointed Captain in 1778 of a company of Rangers. Lieutenant John Adam Frederick Helmer was appointed to serve in this company.
5. Lodowick's name was a Sergeant Ohrendorf or Ahrendorf, Olendorf, etc., are not found on Captain Breadbake's Company pay rolls from July to October 1778. This company was attached to Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series, M-246, Roll 74, folder 106, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

6. Captain Breadbake in April of 1780 was still in Colonel Klock's Regiment. On July 1, 1780, Captain Breadbake was appointed to command a company in Colonel Lewis DuBois Regiment of New York State Levies. Lodowick is shown as Lewis Myer as enlisting on July 25 and discharged on October 24, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 96.
7. Henry K. VanRensselaer did not command a regiment of levies after 1779. He actually was the lieutenant colonel of Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia. On March 26, 1781, Colonel Schuyler resigned and VanRensselaer commanded the regiment.
8. Lodowick at this time is referring to Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer who commanded the American troops at the Battle of Klocksfield which was fought on October 19, 1780.
9. John Coppernoll served as a lieutenant in Captain Breadbake's Company in Colonel DuBois' Regiment in 1780.
10. Marinus Willett in 1780 was the lieutenant colonel commandant of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment. Willett nor the regiment were in the Mohawk Valley in 1780. They were at or near West Point, N.Y.
11. Captain Garret Putman's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781.
12. Major John Ross and Captain Walter Butler commanded the British forces at the Battle of Johnstown. This battle was fought on October 25, 1781.
13. The Skirmish at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1781. Walter Butler's father John Butler was the lieutenant colonel of Butler's Rangers. Willett mentions in his official report of Butler's death that his commission that was found in his pocket was that of a Captain Willett also states that Butler was still alive when found.
14. Jephtha R. Simms interviewed Lodowick and used his information in Volume 2 of Frontiersmen of New York including the West Canada Creek skirmish.
15. Lieutenant Victor Putman. Putman's Company was discharged on December 31, 1781. On Captain Putman's Receipt Roll, Lodowick had £10. . 0. . 10 owed to him and was delivered to Jellis Fonda. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
16. Garret Putman was not appointed a captain in Willett's Regiment in 1782 or 1783. Victory Putman was appointed lieutenant and commissioned as such on July 24, 1782. He served in Captain Abner French's Company in 1782. Lodowick may have served in this company but so far a muster or pay roll has not been located for this company.