

SERVICE

NUMBER

New York

Lake, John

S. 9924

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New York 28.748

John Lake

of Dutchess Co in the State of New York  
who was a Private in the Corps commanded  
by Captain Wood of the Regt commanded  
by Col. Dubois in the 1st Regt  
for 18 months

Inserted on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of 60 Dollars per annum  
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 6th day of June  
1834 and sent to Hon. A.  
Baker of New York

Amount to the 1st of March '34 180.00  
Pensioners allowance ending Sept 4 '34 36.00

\$ 216.00

{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Saml. H. Page Clerk,  
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State of New York  
Saratoga County ss:

On this twenty fourth day of September  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge  
of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Saratoga  
John Baker a resident of the Town of Pleasant  
Valley in the County of Saratoga and State of New York  
of lawful age and twenty six years on the twenty sixth day  
of March last past 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  
on or about the last of April or the first of May in the  
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty  
two as a substitute soldier for one Paulina Richardson  
in a Company of State Militia known under the command  
of Captain Joseph Reynolds that at the time of his en-  
tering the Army of the United States, he resided in the town  
of Brakenham in the County of Saratoga State of New York  
was marched from Thence to Fort Hunt on the West  
side of the Hudson River and was there employed at  
labouring on the public fortifications until the expi-  
ration of his stipulated term of service which accord-  
ing to the best of his recollection was some five  
or six months

That he again entered the said service  
in the Spring of seventeen hundred and thirty three, as a  
substitute soldier in a company of State Militia  
then commanded by Captain Wood. That his residence  
was then the same as when he first entered the Army  
and from Thence he was marched with said Woods  
company to Fishkill on the East side of the Hudson  
and from Thence crossed the river into the County of  
Orange and marched to the Minisink on the Delaware  
River crossing said River into the State of Pennsylvania  
and from Thence marched to Exeter and  
from Thence to Lock Haven where they lay

in temporary forts for a short time, from which  
forts they were marched to Miamawating, Hollow  
and from thence to a fort situated on the Lackawanna  
river, and from thence they were marched almost im-  
mediately to the Ojibwa or Seneca Lake in pursuit  
of the Indians a few of whom they found and took a  
small number, the main body of them having crossed  
the Lake before their arrival there. The object of  
this expedition appeared at the time to have been  
for the two regiments of which said Woods Company  
were a part to proceed towards the said Lakes and join  
General Clinton's Army which was a division of General  
Sullivan's Army sent for the purpose of pursuing the  
Indians, but on their arrival at the Lake they found  
the whole body of men under the command of General  
Clinton had crossed over the Lake some time before  
their arrival whereupon they were immediately mar-  
ched back by nearly the same route to Stony Point on  
the West Side of the Hudson and there remained en-  
camped until late in the fall when they were marched  
to Long Knepie in said Dutchess County and there  
were discharged after having been in service about  
eight months, that the officers attached to said  
regiment were Major Van Benschoten, and Colonel  
Scholes, and the other officers he does not now re-  
cot -

That he again entered the service in the  
Spring of seventeen hundred and eighty, as  
a Substituted Soldier (so called) in Captain  
Woods Company. That Major Van Benschoten  
and Colonel Westbrook were attached to the  
Regiment of which his company formed a part.  
That they were under arms at Long Knepie afore-  
said and embarked from thence to Albany in  
the State of New York by water and from thence  
were marched to place called Stone Arabia

commonly called Stone Robber in said State  
Where they were encamped until the British army  
consisting of two regiments of white people and  
the remainder of Indians, under the command  
of Sir John Byrd and Grant came there and attacked  
the army. The result of the battle was unfa-  
vorable to the Americans, and they were  
compelled to retire within the fort. During this engage-  
ment Colonel Brown was killed - After the close  
of the foregoing engagement the British army re-  
treated up the Mohawk River. The American  
Army were soon reinforced by the arrival of a  
body of militia, when pursuit of the retreating army  
was immediately made. They were followed for  
several days during which time some few Indians  
were made prisoners. The pursuit was continued as  
far as the Cayuga Lake, where it was given up  
and the army returned back to Stone Arabia, com-  
monly called Stone Robber, where they attended  
the burial of Colonel Brown in the House of  
War. They were then discharged after having  
completed their term of service and have on  
duty about five or six months - and after  
being so discharged returns no more the service  
of the United States as a soldier in the Army -  
That he has no documentary evidence, and that  
he knows of no person whose testimony he can  
procure who can testify to his service. That he  
was born in the said County of Dutchess on the twenty  
sixth day of March one thousand seven hundred  
and fifty six, That there was a record of his age  
contained in his fathers family Bible, but that at  
present he does know where it is, or what has  
become of it - That he has since the Revolution  
any war, and now does live in the Town of Glas-  
sco Valley, in the said County of Dutchess, That he  
does not know that he ever received a written  
discharge from the service, but thinks he may

verbally discharged by the commanding officer  
at the expiration of each term of service - That  
he is known in his neighborhood by Charles Ham  
Daniel J. Dean, Joshua Howard, Simon Goggin Jr.  
George H. and others, who can generally testify  
as to his character for veracity and their belief  
of his services as a soldier of the revolution -  
That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever  
to a pension or annuity except the present, and de-  
clares that his name is not on the pension roll of  
the agency of any State

John for Life  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
by *John Deke*

We Frederick Lickerman a clergyman re-  
siding in the Town of Pleasant Valley in the said  
County of Dutchess and Cushman Spaulding of Washington  
residing in the same County - hereby certify that  
that we are well acquainted with John Deke  
who has subscribed and sworn to the above de-  
claration, that we believe him to be seventy six years  
of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neigh-  
borhood where he resides to have been a soldier  
of the revolution and that we concur in that  
opinion - Sworn and subscribed the day &  
year aforesaid Frederick Lickerman  
Cushman Spaulding

And the said Court do hereby declare their  
opinion after the investigation of the matter, and  
after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the  
war department, that the above named appli-  
cant, was a revolutionary soldier and served  
as he states. And the Court further certi-  
fies that it appears to them that Frederick  
Lickerman who has signed the preceding certifi-

Cate is a druggist resident in the Town of Pleasant Valley, and County of Dutchess aforesaid and that Cather <sup>who has also signed</sup> is a resident in the same <sup>County</sup> ~~place~~ and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Henry D. Traver Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of John Lake for a pension.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of office this Twenty fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two

Henry D. Traver Clerk

Aug 8. 105



Rev. and 1813  
War Section.

June 30, 1924.

Marion Cronin,  
515 N. 24th St.,  
Lincoln, Nebr.

Madam;

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 9924, it appears that John Lake was born March 26, 1756 in Dutchess County, New York.

While residing at Beekman, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted April or May 1778 and served five months as a private in Captain Joseph Reynolds' Company, Colonel Lee's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in the spring of 1779 and served eight months as a private in Captain Woods' Company, Colonel DuBois' *New York Regiment*.

He enlisted in the spring of 1780 and served five months as a private in Captain Woods' Company, Colonel

Bostwick's New York Regiment and was in the battle of  
Stone Arabia.

He was allowed pension on his application executed  
September 24, 1832, while a resident of Pleasant Valley,  
Dutchess County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

1913 June 9. Fish. no.  
1916 Geo. H. H. H. H. H.  
1917 Dec 22. Mrs. Geo. H. H. H.  
1918 date of death & whether  
married and age of child.  
1924 June 30. Marine Chron. Aug.

Rev. H. H. H.

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INVALID.

File No. 9924

John Lake

Rev. H. H. H.

Act: June 7th 1832

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

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John Lake,

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d e  
Admitted

F. J. Hoffman  
Pleasant Valley  
N. Y.

**Pension Office.**

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1833

Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus. } ). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of John Lake

[illegible]

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

**J. L. EDWARDS,**

*Commissioner of Pensions.*

## REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:

This law has been extended to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Contingent Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c.; Tent-makers, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of private armed vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval Service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

## DECLARATION.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.  
County of }

On this day of personally appeared (a) before  
of aged (c) years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, oath on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d) with and served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

(Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers; the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and name of his officers; the town or county and State in which he received when he entered the service; the battle, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched.) This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) 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, or (if any) only on that of the Agency in the State of .

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A. B.

(And then will follow the certificate of the Court.)

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of . of the Court of

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the and C. D., residing in (the same) hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with , who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be 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.

(And then will follow the certificate of the Court.)

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman, resident in the and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Clerk of the Court of do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commission; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon the transaction.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

*There are numerous applicants for pensions who present in the same way with declaration*

alleged service, as they are known at the Department. A very full account of the services of each person will be indispensable to a favorable action upon his case. The facts stated will afford one of the principal means of corroborating the declaration of the applicant, if true, or of detecting the imposition, if one be attempted; and unless, therefore, these are amply and clearly set forth, no favorable decision can be expected. All applicants will appear before some Court of Record in the County in which they reside, and there subscribe and be sworn to, one of the declarations above provided, according to the nature of his case.

The Court will propound the following (a) interrogatories to all applicants for a pension, on account of service in the Militia, State troops, or Volunteers, except the Militia of New Hampshire and the State troops of Virginia.

1. Where and in what year were you born?
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?
5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers, who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.
6. 

{	To a Soldier.	{	Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?
{	To an Officer.	{	Did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The Court will see that the answers to these questions are embodied in the declaration, and they are requested to annex their opinions of the truth of the statement of the applicant.

The applicant will further produce in Court, if the same can be done, in the opinion of the Court, without too much expense and inconvenience to him, two respectable persons—one of whom should be the nearest, clearest, if one lives in the immediate vicinity of such applicant, who can identify, from their acquaintance with him, that they believe he is of the age he represents, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier, and that they concur in that opinion. If one of these persons is a Clergyman, the Court will so certify, and they will also certify to the character and standing of other persons giving such certificates.

The traditional evidence of service is deemed very important, in the absence of any direct proof, except the declaration of the party. And the Courts are requested to be very particular in the inquiry whether the belief is general, and whether any doubts have ever existed upon the subject.

Applicants unable to appear in Court, by reason of bodily infirmity, may make the declaration before required, and submit to the examination, before a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record of the proper county, and the Judge or Justice will execute the duties which the Court is herein requested to perform, and will also certify that the applicant cannot, from bodily infirmity, attend the Court.

Whenever any official act is required to be done by a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or by a Justice of the Peace, the certificate of the Secretary of State or Territory, or of the proper Clerk of the Court or County, under his seal of office, will be annexed, stating that such person is a Judge or Justice of a Court of Record, or a Justice of the Peace, and that the signature annexed is his genuine signature.

No payments can be made on account of the services of any person, who may have died before the taking effect of the act of June 7, 1832; and in case of death subsequent thereto, and before the declaration herein required is made, the parties interested will transmit such evidence as they can procure, taken and authenticated before a Court of Record, showing the services of the deceased, the period of his death, the opinion of the neighborhood respecting such services, the title of the claimant, and the opinion of the Court upon the whole matter.

(a) The declarant must appear in open Court, unless prevented from doing so by reason of bodily infirmity, in which case the declarant will file in and swear for his guidance.

(b) The declarant must make his declaration in the county where he resides. If he should fail to do so, he must annex a sufficient reason for not complying to the file.

(c) The age of the claimant must invariably be mentioned.

(d) The declarant must mention the period of the war when he served.

(e) Every continental officer or soldier must give the name of the Colonel under whom he served, otherwise a satisfactory examination of the records as to enable the Department to determine to what extent of pension he is entitled. In a case where the applicant cannot, by reason of the loss of memory, state precisely how long he served, he should annex his declaration by making an affidavit in the following words:

"Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace, &c., &c., he, who, being duly sworn, deposes and swears, that, by reason of old age, and his consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:—For \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day, he served as a \_\_\_\_\_, and for \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ day, he served as a \_\_\_\_\_, and for each service I declare and depose the pension to be paid according to the grade of the person and the length of his service. The use of the phrase, "about" does not apply in this affidavit, &c., without specifying the years, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. The form of the declaration in the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with no individual corps called into service by Congress or State."

(f) It is important, in all cases, to determine with precision the period for which each applicant served, and the particular rank he held, as the law in two instances, and all such questions are important. Some persons who apply for pension merely state that they served two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, or ten years, without specifying the years, the names of the officers, and other particulars respecting their service. The form of the declaration in the particular place or places where the service was performed; that the applicant served with no individual corps called into service by Congress or State."

(g) The law makes the relinquishment indispensable.

(h) The opinion of the Court is always required.

(i) The Clerk must give the certificate in every case.

(j) The Clerk must file his seal, and if it has no device or inscription by which it can be distinguished from any other seal, or if he has no public seal of office, the certificate of a Member of Congress, proving his official character and signature of the certifying officer, should accompany the papers.

#### Mode of authenticating papers.

In every instance where the certificate of the certifying officer who authenticates the papers is not written on the same sheet of paper which contains the affidavit, or other papers authenticated, the certificate must be attached thereto by a piece of tape or narrow ribbon, the ends of which must pass under the seal of office of the certifying officer, so as to prevent any paper from being improperly attached to the certificate.

#### Proof of Service.

(1) In a case where the name of the applicant is not found on the records of the Department, he must prove his service by two credible witnesses as the regiment, company, and line to which he belonged. The magistrate who may administer the oath must certify to the credibility of the witnesses, and the affidavit must be signed and attested by the proper officer, under his seal of office. The notes from (4) to (11) are all equally applicable to the cases of Militia men, Volunteers and State Troops. The proof required by rule is as follows:

(2) This traditional evidence is indispensable in militia cases.

(3) If witnesses cannot be found, the declarant must state the fact.

(4) The answers to the interrogatories must all be written, and sent to the War Department, with the declaration.

Recd.  
~~John~~ Lake  
New York

Suspended 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan '32

Letter 16 Nov '33

By J. Hoffman  
At. to Hon. A. B. Becker Apr  
21 '34



April 4 1834

to Mr - Edwards -

I wish to enquire into the  
the case of John Laker an  
applicant for pension  
whose returns & amended  
papers were sent to the  
Office some time last fall  
he is resident of Dutchess  
County & his papers were  
sent on by F. S. Hoggman.

I am yours &c

Abraham

Mr. Edwards.

Mass and Talley Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1873

Respected Sir

Enclosed I send you the humpain  
skins in the cases of Lake & Wood. as arranged.  
I hope all objections are now removed--

Yours respectfully

Yours

J. L. Edwards-

W. C. Hoffman

information as contained in his (or his widow's) application for pension on file in this Bureau. *John L. Lyle Co. 1864*

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
<i>April 1864</i>	<i>3 mos.</i>	<i>Pl</i>	<i>Stephen B. Arnold</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ill</i>
<i>June 1864</i>	<i>6 mos.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Harold</i>	<i>Garner</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>August 1864</i>	<i>6 mos.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Harold</i>	<i>Brooks</i>	<i>"</i>

Battles engaged in, *Stone Mountain*  
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, *Cashman, Georgia*  
 Date of application for pension, *Sept 24 1864*  
 Residence at date of application, *Marshall, Va.*  
 Age at date of application, *26*  
 Remarks:

Record Division.

December 22, 1910.

Mrs. George Worrall,  
# 52 Grand Avenue,  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Madam:

In reply to your letter dated the 15<sup>th</sup> and received the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that in the claim of John Lake, Sur. File No. 9,824, Rev. War, the date of his death is not stated nor is it shown that he ever was married.

For date of last payment of his pension, the person to whom paid, and probable date of death, application should be made to the Auditor for the Interior Department, U. S. Treasury Department, citing the following data: John Lake, Certificate No. 28,748, issued June 5, 1834 under Act of June 7, 1832, at the New York Agency.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Lincoln Rebr  
5-13-24  
May 24-1924

The Commissioner of Prisons,  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:- What information  
can you give me as regards  
the wife and children of Peter  
Lake, Private, Captain Jundys'  
Company, Colonel Waller's Regiment  
of New York Line 2

Would appreciate the same  
information of John Lake,  
Captain Robert Woods' Company,  
Albert Paulding's Regiment, New  
York State Militia, and



John Lake of Captain Thomas  
Lis's Company, 5<sup>th</sup> New York  
Regiment, commanded by  
Lewis Den Boer.

Thanking you for the  
favor, I am  
Very gratefully  
Marvin Cronin.

52 Grand Ave.,  
Englewood, N. Y.,  
5th Dec. 1901.

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir, - In response to  
your letter received to-day,  
I would state that John Lake  
was born in Pleasant  
Valley, Dutchess Co., N. Y.,  
March 26, 1756 and died  
about 1844. His place of  
residence at time of enlist-  
ment and after discharge  
was Pleasant Valley, Dutchess  
Co., N. Y. He was a pensioner  
of your department for  
many years. I wish to  
know the exact date of his  
death and the name of  
widow.

Peter Lake was a younger brother of John Lake born in Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co., N.Y. His place of residence at time of enlistment and after discharge was Pleasant Valley, Dutchess Co., N.Y. He was also a pensioner of your department but died many years before his wife who was Hannah Cummings. She died about 1863, aged 101 years, 10 months, 10 days.

I wish to know the exact date of birth, date of death & time of service of the said Peter Lake.

Very respectfully,  
Mary L. Harrall.

(Mrs. George Harrall.)



52 Grand Ave.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
12th May 1911

War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen, — Will you  
kindly give me such  
information as can be  
obtained from the papers  
in file in your depart-  
ment, as to the date of  
birth, company, regiment  
and time of service of  
John Leck Loda Smith  
— a private in the  
Revolutionary army at

Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co.,  
and is supposed to <sup>have</sup>  
have been in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
regiment, Continental  
Line, during the whole  
war and was for  
many years a pensioner  
of your department.

Very truly yours,  
Mary Leath Norrall.

(Mrs. George Norrall.)



MAY 13 1910

52 Grand Ave,  
Brookfield, N. Y.  
May 25, 1910.

Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir, — I have <sup>may 2</sup> your  
letter of May 23, 1910 in  
reply to mine of same date  
asking for informa-  
tion relative to John Leary,  
a Revolutionary War Pensioner,  
in which you say "that  
the Revolutionary War pen-  
sion records fail to afford  
any information relative

to John Leak described  
by you.

It may be that  
there is some discrepancy  
in the spelling of the  
name as it was originally  
spelled "Leak" and later  
changed to "Lake".

I am satisfied from  
inquiries I have made  
that John Leak, or Lake,  
was for many years a  
Revolutionary War prisoner  
as was well acquainted  
with an old gentleman  
by the name of Isaac F.  
Collins who lately died in

this city at the age of  
70 yrs. who informed me  
that he had made out  
and forwarded to your  
department the pension  
papers of said John Leach  
as above.

I would be glad if  
you would make a further  
investigation for the re-  
cords of this pension and  
give me such informa-  
tion as the record contains.

I enclose my previous  
letter.

Very truly yours,  
Mary L. Norrell.  
(Mrs. Geo. Norrell.)

State of New York  
County of Dutchess

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County of Dutchess, John Lake of the Town of Shawangunk Valley in said County, who being duly sworn to the oath and saying that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades.

For five months I served as a Substitute Soldier for one Howard Nickerson in a company of State Militia Soldiers commanded by Capt. Reynolds

For eight months I served as a <sup>class</sup> Substitute Soldier in Capt. Woods' Company of State Militia Troops.

For five months I again served as a class substitute Soldier in said Woods' Company of State Militia Troops & for such service I claim a Pledge

Summed & Subscribed

John <sup>his</sup> Lake  
mark

before me this eleventh

day of May 1883

Garret H. Adams Justice of the Peace



STATE OF NEW-YORK, } ss. I, HENRY T. TRAPER, Clerk of  
County of Dutchess, }

the County of Dutchess, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

whose name is subscribed to the

in and for the County aforesaid, dwelling in the said County,

And Further, That I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said

and verily believe that the signature to the said is genuine.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said county,

A. D. 183

*Henry T. Traper*

In the matter of  
the application of  
John Lake for  
a Pension

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Amended  
Declaration

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Attest at St. Louis, Mo.  
this 1st day of June 1864  
J. H. Thompson, Clerk



In the Matter of  
John Lake

Amended

Declaration

in roll of  
Capt Woods Com.  
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1779 - no roll  
of the company of  
that period

Admitted  
Enrolled 18 months

Am. Alm. Baker  
Horn Bk  
N.Y.

State of New York  
Dutchess County.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Dutchess, Daniel S. Dean of the Town of Pleasant Valley, in said County, who being duly affirmed according to Law doth depose and say that he is of the Age of sixty six Years and upwards and is the Person Referred to in the annexed declaration of the Person Named John Lake and that he has been well acquainted with the said Lake for more than sixty years having from the earliest of his Memory lived in the same Neighborhood with him and while young within a mile of his Father with whom he then lived. that he well remembers his the said Lake leaving home as was said at the time for the purpose of joining the American Army and which Army it was then, and still followed he did join and remain in service with for and during the different Campaigns as is set forth in his affidavit hereunto annexed and further the deponent doth say that he hath never, nor knows at any time Express a doubt of his having so been in the Army of the Revolution or the late State

affirmed & subscribed this sixth  
day of September 1833—  
Garret Adirama Justice of the peace

Daniel S. Dean

State of New York  
Dutchess County & I the above named Justice of the peace before whom the above named Daniel S. Dean took & subscribed the above Affidavit, do hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with said deponent, that his Character for truth and veracity is good and that his Statement is entitled to credit

Garret Adirama Justice of the peace

Dutchess County

Personally appeared before me  
the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for  
the County of Dutchess Rowland Ricketson of the  
said County, who being duly affirmed doth depose  
and say that he is of the age of seventy six  
years and is the same Person referred to in the  
undersaid declaration of the therein named  
John Latta and that he has been well ac-  
quainted with the said Latta for sixty years  
or more, and that he well knows that he  
the said Latta did serve as a soldier in the  
war of the Revolution and that this  
deponent saw him as a soldier with  
the American army then lying in the  
Town of Fishkill in the County aforesaid  
but from the great lapse of time this depon-  
ent cannot say particularly how long he  
did serve nor when he was discharged  
from service & further this deponent saith  
not -

affirmed and subscribed to Rowland Ricketson  
this 4 day of September 1833  
before me Joshua Brownell Justice of the Peace

State of New York  
Dutchess County

I the above named Justice  
before whom the said Rowland Ricketson took and  
subscribed the above affidavit do hereby certify that  
I am well acquainted with said deponent that his  
character for truth and veracity is good and that his  
State Ment is entitled to credit  
Joshua Brownell  
Justice of the Peace

State of New York  
Dutchess County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Dutchess, John Wood of the town of Pleasant Valley in said County, who being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say, that he is of the age of seventy two years and upwards, that he has for the last fifty five years been well acquainted with John Lake the person who has made and subscribed the annexed declaration. That he well remembers to have seen said Lake in the army of the revolution as a soldier and dragoon, but from the great loss of time cannot particularly say how long he was in duty or when discharged. That he well remembers to have heard Thomas H. H. Williams and others make much of the error of said Lake as a soldier of fortune. That he has been to the north and west end of his duties among the soldiers. That he has frequently heard of the heroism of Col. Brevint & the hero said Lake took in their memorable war. That he has heard said declaration read & believes that said Lake rendered the services as is therein by him stated & further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed  
this 20th day Sept 1833

John Wood

Before me  
Garret Adriaens Justice of the Peace  
State of New York  
Dutchess County

I the above named Justice before whom the said John Wood took and subscribed the above Affidavit do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with said deponent that his Character for truth and veracity is good and that his Statement is entitled to credit—  
Garret Adriaens Justice of the Peace



STATE OF NEW-YORK, } ss. I, THOMAS T. TRAVER, Clerk of  
County of Dutchess, }  
the County of Dutchess, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That

whose name is subscribed to the  
in and for the County aforesaid, dwelling in the said County,

And Further, That I am well acquainted with the handwriting of the said  
and verily believe that the signature to the said

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said county,  
the day of A. D. 1833

*Thomas T. Traver*

In the matter of  
John Doe.

do offol. & anticipate

State of New York  
Schenectady County

11/11/1838

Per an ally appeared before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County John Lake of the Town of Pleasant Valley in said County an applicant for a license under the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1812, who being first duly sworn according to Law, both before and say in answer to several his doctor of law questions made in order to obtain said license, that from old age and continued indigence, and the consequent loss of necessary attendance here on he cannot be connected with himself and certainly the names of all the officers under whom he served as to the United States during the time he served in the War of 1812, and that according to the best of his personal recollection he thinks that the Regiment to which his company was attached at the time he entered the service as a cloth substitute soldier, and during the time he was detained at West Point & Albany, and on the west side of the Hudson river, was under the command of Col. A. B., and that during the entire period that he served, as a soldier of said act, he was under the command of the officers a list of whom particularly named & set forth in his said declaration & further said recd.

Sworn & subscribed,  
before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day

his  
John of Lake.  
may be

November 1838

James F. Edwards Justice of the Peace.

## SOURCE INFORMATION

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