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BRIEF in the case of *John Seap.*
of Switzerland County in the State of Indiana.
(Act 7th June, 1832.)

- 1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *In open court.*
- 2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? *87 years*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years.	Months.	Days.	As a	Gen.
In 17	<i>Served from Sept^r 1775 to Jan^y 1778.</i>			<i>Private</i>	<i>1st Reg^t Penn^a Militia. Capt. John Jameson. Col. Arch^d. M^r. Hroy.</i>

- 5. In what battles was he engaged?
- 6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Springfield township, Bucks Co^{ty} Penn^a*

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *Traditionary evidence.*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

Examining Clerk.

In the matter of } An applicant for a pension, under the act of Congress
of June 7, A. D. 1832.

John Leap } Recorded in book _____ page _____ clerk.

The state of Indiana, Switzerland county, SS:

On this *thirteenth* day of *August*, - - - A. D. 1832, personally appeared, in open court, before the honorable, the Probate court, of the county aforesaid, being a court of record, *John Leap* a resident of *Switzerland county* ~~and Indiana~~ aged *Eighty seven* years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his said oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress, passed the 7th of June, A. D. 1832—that he, the said

John Leap entered the service of the United States, during the AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR, under the following ~~ranked~~ officers, and served as herein stated—That he, the said *John Leap*

1. Served under Captain *John Jameson* of the *4th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia* under Colonel *Arch^d. W. Hays*, from *Sept. 1775* to *January of 1778*, as a *Private Soldier*.

And, that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

The Court, then propounded the following interrogatories to the said *John Leap*

1. Where, and in what year were you born? *I was born near Mannheim on the river Rhine, on the 15th April, 1745.*
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where, is it? *I have no record in this country.*
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live? *I lived in Springfield townships, Bucks county, State of Pennsylvania, ^{since that age} lived 24 years in N. J. - twenty nine or thirty in Penn. and the last sixteen in Indiana.*
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted—did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute, for whom? *I was enlisted voluntarily.*
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 service. *I was marched from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, to Amboy, N. J. and continued serving in the State of New Jersey for the greater part of the time. I was out, and in Jan. of 1778, I was discharged ^{near} Morris town.*

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N.J. by col. M^r. Hony. During the time I was in
service, I was in the battle at Staten Island, where we
captured some Hessians, in 1776, it was with dif-
ficulty that we recrossed to the main land with
our prisoners, as several of the enemies vessels
viz the Roebucks, Phoenix and Greyhound, endeavored
to cut off our retreat; we, however, with much
difficulty succeeded in reaching fort Lee
we had, if I remember right between two and three
hundred Hessian prisoners. Fort Mifflin, on
York Island was at the same time, occupied
by the flying camp. Major Williams was taken
prisoner, at the taking of this fort. When the enemy
attacked fort Lee, we retreated to the Delaware
river, and crossed that above the mouth of Litch-
ing river, and march to Bethlehem from Philadelphia
we march about thirty miles towards Philadelphia
then turned to the left and marched to Newtown
Bucks county, Pa. where we remained until
sometime in Dec. when we marched again to the
Delaware river, and crossed the same below the
rapids, near Trenton, N.J. when we had, on the 20th
Dec. 1776 or 1777, a brush with the enemy and
captured a great number of Hessians - Gen. Mifflin
was present, it was tremendously cold - a few days after
that battle the British force lay on one side of a
creek and our army on the other side, where we
lay all day - in the evening and night having found
a fording place we crossed said creek and encamped
on a ridge in the rear of the enemy - In the
morning we march toward Princeton, N.J. when
we again had an engagement, about day break
and again were victorious - ~~our~~ company was shortly

after marching to Morristown N.J. and I was discharged
at Bottle Hill,

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it? *Col. M. Brody signed my discharge, but I have lost 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. *Col. John F. Sibley, John D. Morrode, John F. Dufour and one hundred others, if necessary.*

8. Have you any documentary evidence of your services, and do you know of any person now living whose testimony you can procure to testify to your services? *Having lost my discharge I have no documentary evidence and know of no person now living who can testify to my services.*

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

Edward Patton Clerk.

John Leap

We *John Morrill*, a clergyman, residing in *Switzerland* county and state of *Indiana* and *John D. Morrode* residing in *Switzerland* county, state of *Indiana* hereby certify that we are well acquainted with *John Leap* who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be *Eighty Seven* years of age—the he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier in the REVOLUTION, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid,

Edward Patton Clerk.

John Morrill
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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 *John Leap* was a REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER, and served as he states. And the court further certifies, that it appears to them that *John Morrill* who has signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman, resident in *Switzerland* county and state of *Indiana* and that *John D. Morrode* who also signed the same, is a resident in *Switzerland* county and state of *Indiana* and is a credible person, and their statement is entitled to credit.

I, EDWARD PATTON, clerk of the Switzerland Probate Court, do hereby certify, that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of *John Leap* for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at Vevay, this *Twenty third* day of *August* one thousand, eight hundred and thirty, *two*

Edward Patton



April 28, 1935.

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Mr. C. W. Leap
Fort Pierre
South Dakota

EA-J/ady
John Leap
R. 6225

Dear Sir:

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, R. 6225, based upon the military service of John Leap in that war.

John Leap was born April 15, 1745 near Mannheim on the River Rhine.

He applied for pension August 13, 1832 while a resident of Switzerland County, Indiana, and stated that while a resident of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he enlisted in September 1775, served as a private in Captain John Jameson's Company, Colonel Archibald McIlroy's Pennsylvania Regiment and that he was in the battle on Staten Island in 1776, crossed the Delaware River with General Washington, was in the battles of Trenton and Princeton and was discharged in January 1778.

Soldier's claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service of six months as required by the pension law.

After the Revolutionary War soldier lived for six years in New Jersey, he lived about thirty years in Pennsylvania, and about 1816 he moved to Indiana.

The date of soldier's death is not shown.

Soldier's widow, Barbara Leap, her maiden name and age not stated, was a resident of Lebanon, Boone County, Indiana, in 1853. There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant to the Administrator