

### **Pension Application for Peter Benedict**

W.17271 (Widow: Susannah) Married April 2, 1776 at North Salem, County of Westchester NY by Rev. Mr. Mead. Susannah's maiden name was Norton. Peter died May 20, 1830.

Peter was a Lieutenant in the NY Line.

State of Vermont

Chittenden County

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1819 before me the subscriber, Judge of Chittenden County Court, personally appears Peter Benedict aged sixty six years, resident in Burlington, in the County of Chittenden and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension for Revolutionary services under and act of congress, entitled, "an act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818.

That the said Peter Benedict was duly commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Continental Army on the [?] day of February AD 1776 which commission was signed by John Hancock President, and is hereto attached and that he continued in the service of the American government until about the first of January 1777—at which time he was attached to the New York Forces, under the command of General McDougal,—that while in the service aforesaid, he was with General Montgomery at the taking of St. Johns—that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) Peter Benedict

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. Joel Brownson, Judge of Chittenden County Court.

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"This Peter Benedict 2d began a classical education, entered Yale College in 1774, stayed one year. The American Revolution commencing, and turning people's attention in an other channel, he quit his studies, entered the army and Orderly Sergt went with Genl Montgomery into Canada, to the reduction of St. Johns; after which he returned home, received a Lieutenant's commission and married and joined Genl. Washington at New York. In 1776 at the close of that campaign, his aged parents living near the seat of war, he returned home and lived at his native place, which was at North Salem, Westchester County, State of N. York, until 1788, when he removed to Vermont, where he lived 12 years and in 1800 he removed into Canada."