

Pension Application for Peter Boice (2nd)

S.45304

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

Peter Boice of the town of Gorham in the County of Ontario and State of New York and formerly of Cambridge in the County of Washington State aforesaid being duly cautioned and sworn doth on oath solemnly depose say and declare that he is at a Native Citizen [citizen] of the United States and that he served this country in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy and that he the deponent enlisted in September 1776 in Colonel VanSchiack [Schaick] 1st New York Regiment in Captain McCracken Company for three years in the Continental service and that at the expiration of the aforesaid three years he received an honorable discharge from the aforesaid service from General George Clinton and that he enlisted in the month of May 1780 for nine months in Captain Obediah Shewood Company and that he marched to Fort Ann in the aforesaid company and that all the company was taken prisoners except himself and one other and that he received no discharge in consequence of his officers being taken prisoners and that the deponent further saith that his discharge was burnt together with his house and household goods and that he is 55 years old and is in indigent circumstances and needs the support of Government he therefore pray[s] that his name may be placed that his name may be placed on the pension list pursuant to an act of congress passed the 8th day of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and further the deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark) Peter Boice.

The foregoing declaration sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of April 1818 before me Stephen Phelps, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ontario and State of New York.

Letter in folder dated May 11, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.45304, it appears that Peter Boice enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops, as follows—

From 1776, three years in Captain McCracken's Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Regiment; from May 1780, none months in Captain Obadiah Sherwood's Company; and nine months under Captain Dyer and Major Cowden, dates not stated.

He was allowed on his application executed April 15, 1818, while a resident of Gorham, Ontario County, New York, aged fifty-five years.

In 1820 he was residing in Farmington, New York, and stated that his wife was fifty-four years old, but did not give her name, and there is no further data on file as to his family.