

Pension Application for Peter Chartier

W.23786 (Widow: Polly) Peter died December 24 or 25, 1836.

Peter Chartier's Case

Evidence taken by me, Ezra Hoyt Esq. Judge of the County Court within and for the County of Addison on application of Peter Charier of Vergennes in said County of Addison to be placed on the pension list of the United States in pursuance of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed March 18, 1818 he having served in the war of the Revolution against the common enemy for more than nine months to wit, from the year 1776 to the end of said war on the Continental establishment as a private soldier and by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his County for support to wit.

The said Peter Chartier being duly sworn deposes and says that some time in the year 1776 to the best of his recollection, the precise time he cannot say he having lost his discharge he enlisted as a private soldier into Capt. Olivie Company of Colo Hazen's Regiment known as the appellation of Congress's own during the war, of the Revolution, and he further says that he continued with said Regiment during the turn of; his inlsitment [enlistment] and served therein faithfully against the common enemy during said term—and he further says that the at the close of the war he was honorably discharged by Genl Washington at New Windsor on the North River in the State of New York—and he further says that his is nor and was in the year of 1783 has been a Citizen of the United States, and he further says that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support. (Signed with his mark) Peter Chartier

State of Vermont. Addison County SS. Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of April AD 1818. Ezra Hoyt, Judge.

State of Vermont
Addison County SS.

On this 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand and eight hundred & thirty seven personally appeared before the Hon Court of Probate now sitting at Middlebury within & for the District of Addison in said County of Addison, Polly Chartier a resident of Vergennes in the County of Addison and State of Vermont, aged eighty three years the 8th day of April next being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of peter Chartier, a soldier of the army of the Revolution, at the time she was married to him, as herein after stated—her husband the said Peter Chartier, volunteered into the service of the United States in the Province of Lower Canada in the year 1775 under the command of Genl Montgomery, and assisted in the capturing St. John's, Chambly and Montreal on the retreat of the American Army in the Spring of 1776, he returned with them and at Albany shortly after the arrival of the army at that place, he enlisted into the army during the Revolutionary war, his

Capt name was Alvin or Oglelee a Frenchman by birth and was attached to Colo Hazen's Regiment called Congress; one she believes the said Peter was in the battle of Brandywine where he was taken prisoner. He was also in the battle of Monmouth, and also in the battle of York town at the time Cornwallis surrendered

And she further declares that her said husband the said Peter Chartier entered in the service of the United States until the peace of 1783 when he was honorably discharged by Genl Washington at New Windsor in the State of New York this discharge she remembers of frequently seeing many years ago.

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter Chartier on or about the 15th day of November 1779 or 1780, but she believes it was 1780 by the Rev'd father Defarin a Roman Catholic Priest at the Highland so called in said State of New York, he had then being stationed at Fishkill, and that she lived with the said Peter Chartier as his wife until the time of his death which took place at said Vergennes on the 25th day of December AD 1829.

That she had nine children by the said Peter five of whom are now living. She has no record evidence of her marriage as neither she nor the said Peter could write, but she had a certificate of her marriage in French signed by the said Priest, but the same many years since was accidently burnt.

She presumes the Priest is dead, as he was then a very old man, and she is advised & believes there is no record of her marriage at Fishkill the Highland or any other place, as the laws of New York did not then require any such record to be made.

And she further declares that the said Peter Charier was placed on the pension roll of the United States in the year 1818 for [???] services she believes; [?] and continued to receive his pension up to the time of his death, and for a more particular account of his services she would refer to his declaration & proof made on the occasion of ;his obtaining said pension.

And that she now remains his widow and has never been married since the death of the said Peter her said husband, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Polly Chartier.

Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid, before the Court aforesaid. Saml Swift Judge.