

**Pension Application for Adam Dietz or Deitz**

R.2847 (Widow: Margaret) Margaret Reinhard married Adam Dietz on March 30, 1776. Adam died September 29, 1830.

State of New York

County of Albany SS

On the first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Albany (the said Court being a Court of Record) Margaret Dietz, a resident of the Town of Bern, in said County, aged eighty one years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath maket he 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 Adam Dietz, who was a private and an officer in the Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, and served in the Militia of the State of New York, -- as stated in the affidavits and proof hereto annexed.

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She further declares that her name previous to her marriage was Margaret Reinhard; -- that she was married in the Town of Schoharie; and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Revd M. Schuyler, then Pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in that town.

And that she is unable to write her name, owing to want of education. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Dietz

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year first above written, before me. John Niles a Judge for Albany County Courts.

State of New York

Albany Co.

Town of Bern SS

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine personally appeared before me Lyman Dwight a Justice of the Peace for the Town of Bern, Johannes Reinhart of the Town County and State aforesaid—a soldier of the revolution[ary] war—who being first duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say—that he was well and personally acquainted with Adam Dietz and that the said Adam Dietz died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1830—aged about 74 years from old age and an Injury received by a fall from a Waggon, and that the said Adam Dietz in the fall of the year 1776 was a fifer in Capt. George Manns Company (1) of the Militia of this Company Jacob Snyder (2) was Lieut Peter Vroman was Col of the Regt. And Johan Jost Becker (3) was Major, from the City of Albany this Company was marched to Fort Edward to Skeensboro to watch the Enemy at the north, from there the Company was marched to Schenectady thence to Sacondaga and thence to Schoharie where the Company arrived late in the fall in this Tour the said Adam Dietz

served one month, in the following spring the said Adam Dietz served on various tours of duty which I cannot now particularly recollect but the service was performed in and about the forts at Schoharie.

And further this deponent says that the said Adam Dietz was in the fort at Beaverdam now Bern, in which fort he acted as Ensign. (4)—and that the said Adam Dietz performed Labor in erecting the fort, the Company in this fort was commanded by Capt Wm Dietz & Matthias Schuldus as Lieut and Adam Dietz Ensign this was in the year 1778 and this deponent says that the said Adam Dietz served for a longer period than seven months in said fort—from the best of his knowledge;

And further this deponent says that the within named Applicant Margaret Reinhart was married to Adam Dietz on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1776 (5)—in the Town of Schoharie by the Rev. Mr. Schuyler, And that the said Margaret Reinhart, is now the diwo of the Dec'd Adam Dietz and has remained his widow from the deceasefo her said husband, which took place as above stated and further this deponent recollects of the said Adam Dietz having the command of a fort in SwitzKill, and further says not. Johanns Reinhart

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before me. Lyman Dwight Justice.

Reply to a letter of inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the thirty-first ultimo, you are advised that this Bureau is unable to furnish the history of a soldier of the Revolution unless a claim for pension or bounty land has been made on account of his service, and a careful search fails to show such a claim for any Peter Dietz or William Dietz, name variously spelled.

There is a reference to Captain William Dietz in the claim of Margaret Dietz widow of Adam Dietz R. File No. 2,847 Rev. War, where it is alleged that Adam Dietz of Bern, Albany County, New York, served form April 2, 1778 to November 15, 1778, as an Ensign in the company of Militia commanded by Captain William Dietz, in Colonel Peter Vroman's regiment, and was stationed in the fort at Beaverdam, now Bern.

Adam Dietz; the son of William Dietz, married at Schoharie, New York, March 30, 776, Margaret Reinhart; he died September 29, 1830 aged about seventy-four years, and she died about the first of February 1846.

In 1851, their only surviving children were: Eva aged seventy-four years widow of Johan Jost Shaffer, Peter A. Dietz aged seventy-two years, and William A. Dietz sixty-three years.

#### End Notes—R.2847—Adam Dietz

1. George Mann was the captain of the first company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. Captain Mann had loyalist sympathies and was replaced as captain by Christian Stubrach. So far a muster or payroll for CaptainMann has not been found.

2. Jacob Snyder was the ensign in Captain Mann's Company and he was commissioned first lieutenant on February 20, 1778 in Captain Stubrach's Company.
3. Thomas Eckerson was the first major and Jost Becker was the second major in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
4. On May 9, 1852 Deputy Comptroller Philip Phelps gave the following information: "1779 Nov 26 Adam Diets Ensign no. of Cert'e issued 28946 £ 7. . 11" for service in Captain Henry Ostram's [Ostrom] Company in Colo On March 4, 1780 Gerrit Garrison was commissioned ensign in captain Ostro's Company. L Adam Dnel Philip P. Schuyler's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia. This proves that he was serving as an ensign at least by November of 1779 in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment. Also this proves he was drafted to a different company for service as Peter S. Schuyler was commissioned ensign in Captain Ostrom's Company on June 22, 1778. On March 4, 1780 Gerrit Garrison was commissioned ensign in Captain Ostrom's Company. Adam Deatz Junr was commissioned second lieutenant in Captain William Deatz's Company in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment. According to some information in the pension application it was stated that Adam was the son of William Dietz, unless there was a mistake of there were two Adam Dietz's serving as officers. Now to add to the rank of Adam controversy a letter in pension application dated May 9, 1859 from the Secretary's Office by Deputy Secretary of State, Archibald Campbell states "I certify that it appears by the Minutes of the Council of Appointment of this State in theis office that on the 22d day of June 1778 Henry Ostrom was appointed and commissioned Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Militia in the County of Albany whereof Philip P. Schuyler was Colonel: And that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1780. Adam Dietz Junr. Was appointed and Commissioned Second Lieutenant of the said Company in the Regiment aforesaid. I do not find the Appointment of Ada Deatz Jr as Ensign." Adam may not have been commissioned as on ensign and was only appointed to that rank as it is possible that Captain Dietz's Company was formed much earlier by appointments and as Jost Shaver and Peter Whiteman declined their appointments the company went under several change of appointments which would delay commissions for the properly appointed officers.
5. On August 8, 1839, Pastor Samuel Robertson of the Reformed Dutch Church in the Town of Schoharie Certified Adam Diets, son of William Diets married Margaret Reinhard in "West Kamp" on March 30, 1776.