

Pension Application for Peleg Douglas

R.3048

State of New York

Franklin County SS.

On this first day of May 1830 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County Peleg Douglas in the original declaration, hereto annexed, mentioned the said court now being in session, & there being Peleg Douglas being sworn saith that the first time of his service mentioned in the annexed declaration of at least three months, the second term of at least two months. That after the expiration of said second term he served under Capt Chamberlain at least six & a half months before his discharge on account of his sickness, and that afterwards in 1778, 1779 & 1780 he served at least six months at different periods under Captain Herrick and during this service was stationed at different times at Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, Schoharie & Albany in the State of New York.

That in 1781 he served in Captain Salisbury's Company at least five weeks that during these last four years he was not under the immediate command of any field officer and the said Peleg Douglas further saith that he was never a commissioned officer in the service and was during the whole time a private & a Sargeant.

He is unable to state what time he acted as a sergeant tho' he thinks it was a considerable part of the time he was in the service.

And the said Peleg Douglas further saith that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot positively swear as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the above mentioned periods from the same course he is unable more particularly to designate the names of the officers under whose immediate orders he served. He is confident that he served 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ months at least for these services he claims a pension & for no more, tho' he thinks he served for a much longer time in the course of the revolutionary war, that almost the whole of his services were field service the residue though but for a short time in garrison at Albany. (Signed) Peleg Douglas

Sworn in open court before me this 1st day of May 1833. Saml S. Clark, Clk

Letter in folder dated October 26, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of Peleg Douglas follows as found in the papers of Pension claim, R.3048 based upon his services in the Revolutionary War.

Peleg Douglas was born in April; 1751, in South Kingston, Rhode Island. He moved to Nine Partners, New York, where his father was living during the Revolution, then moved to New Brighton, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

After the Revolution, he lived in Danby, Rutland County, Vermont, then in Timouth, that county, then moved to Chateaugay, Franklin County, New York.

While a resident of Chateaugay, New York, where he had lived about thirty-five years, Peleg Douglas applied of pension October 12, 1832, and alleged that while living in "New Britton" (evidently meant for New Brighton), New York he volunteered and served as private and sergeant with the New York troops as follows: from sometime in

September, 1776, at least three months in Captain Daniel Herrick's company, under Lieutenant Colonel Waterman; from April, 1777, two months in Captain Salisbury's company; immediately after the termination of that tour, he reenlisted and served six and one half months in Captain William Chamberlain's company, Colonel Livingston's regiment, and was in several skirmishes prior to the first battle of Stillwater and at the surrender of Burgoyne; that during the years 1778, 1779, and 1780, he was called out frequently on alarms and went on scouting parties against the Tories under Captain Herrick and other officers whose names were not given, length of this service at least six months, and that in 1781 he served about five weeks in Captain Salisbury's company, specified dates not shown.

Peleg Douglas' claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service in accordance with the requirement of the pension law.

It is not stated whether the soldier ever married, nor is his date of death shown.