

## **Pension Application for Simeon Dutcher**

S.10594

State of New York

County of Herkimer.

On this twelfth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Herkimer & State of New York the same being a court of record having by law a clerk and seal now sitting Simeon Dutcher a resident of the Town of West Brunswick in the said County of Herkimer and State of New York aged seventy one years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

He the said Simeon Dutcher saith that in the month of October 1776 he this deponent resided in the Town of Dover in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York and he this deponent in the month of October 1776 was returning with a pair of horses and wagon and aid Town of Dover in Dutchess and he without a team was pressed into the United States service by Gideon Osterhout an Ensign of the Militia Company in Dover aforesaid and he was also pressed at this same term [?] other wagons with horses & drive the same [?] to carry loading in Croton river north of which [?] about eight miles from Dover aforesaid and this deponent with others were with teams above mentioned to Croton River under the command of Ensign Gideon Osterhout aforesaid and this deponent was employed at Croton river aforesaid in carrying hogsheads of rum from Croton river about two weeks distance and this deponent carried two hogs heads of sum a day with the other teams above mentioned and this deponent and other thirteen teams removed about two hundred hogsheads of rum--& this deponent saith that the American Army said [?] three thousand were removed from Croton river two miles distant where they could be [?] with wood during the winter to supply them in their winter quarters & this deponent carried a large quantity of provisions, pork, flour, small arms in boxes, cannonball & some tents from North Castle to the army aforesaid when they had set up for winter was about [sorry I just can't make out most of the words on this declaration and I distrust what I have transcribed.]

Letter in folder dated March 1, 1935.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Simeon Dutcher, a pensioner of Herkimer County, New York, in 1840, and Simon G. Dutcher, a private in Captain Curtis' company in 1814.

The record of Simeon Dutcher, the pensioner of Herkimer County, New York, is given herein as shown in his claim for pension, S.10954, based upon service in the Revolutionary War. No claim for pension has been found based upon service of a Simon G. Dutcher, or without the initial. The record of one Simon S. Dutcher who served in Captain Curtis' company has been found, which may aid you in your

research. His record is furnished herein from pension claim, W.C. 32946, based upon service in the War of 1812.

Simeon Dutcher was born August 25, 1761, in Dover, Dutchess County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Dover, New York, he served between October 1776 and January 1777, two tours in the New York troops. He enlisted in June 1777, and served one month as private in Captain Valentine Wheeler's Company, Colonel Vanderburgh's regiment of New York troops, at Fishkill; he enlisted in April 1780, and served three months as private in Captain Valentine Wheeler's company, Colonel Vanderburgh's regiment of New York troops, at Fishkill; he enlisted in April 1780, and served three months as private in Captain Wheeler's company during which he was in a sharp skirmish; he enlisted in April 1781, and served six months as private in Captain Wheeler's company, Colonel Vanderburgh's regiment of New York troops, in the vicinity of West Point.

After the Revolutionary War, the soldier resided in Claverack, Columbia County, New York, about seven years, then moved to Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, after that to Half Moon, Saratoga County, New York, thence to West Brunswick, Herkimer County, New York.

Simeon Dutcher was allowed pension on his application executed February 12, 1833, at which time he resided in West Brunswick, New York.

There are no data relative to the family of the soldier.

#### SIMEON S. DUTCHER—W.C.32946.

Simeon S. Dutcher, while a resident of Half Moon, Saratoga County, New York, enlisted and served from September 8, 1814, to December 11, 1814 as private in Captain Isaac Curtiss' company of New York Militia.

He lived in Half Moon, New York several years after his service, then moved to Herkimer County, New York, and resided until 1830, when he returned to Half Moon and remained until 1848, at which time he moved to Dodge County, Wisconsin, which was his residence in 1851. In 1853, he moved to Green, Mecosta County, Michigan.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 26, 1871, at which time he resided in Green, Michigan, his post office, Big Rapids.

The soldier died there June 30, 1880.

Simeon S. Dutcher married in 1814, Miss Lydia Scouten or Scotten, who was his first wife. She died April 6, 1864 in Green Michigan. He married May 8, 1866, Mary Ann McFee, or McPhee, who was the widow of Alexander McFee (McPhee), who died May 1, 1864 in Mecosta, Michigan. This second marriage of the soldier was performed by William Kelley, a minister of the Gospel, in Big Rapids, Michigan, at Jesse A. Barkers' one Caroline Barker of Green, Michigan, was present at the wedding.

Mary A. Dutcher, the soldier's widow was allowed pension on her application executed September 21, 1882, at which time she was aged sixty-four years. She resided then in Paris, Mecosta County, Michigan.

In 1882, Mary A. West, aged forty-three years, and Sarah Lowe, aged fifty-six years, both residents of Green, Michigan, stated that they were present at the death of the soldier's wife, Lydia Dutcher, and at the death of the soldier, Simeon S. Dutcher.

There are no further data relative to the soldier's family.