

Pension Application for Peter P. Eggner

S.23611

State of New York

Greene County SS

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Greene and State of New York, Peter P. Eggner a resident of the town of Catskill, County of Greene and State of New York aged seventy four years, 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.

That he was born on the eighteenth day of November 1757, at West Camp now Saugerties, County of Ulster & State of New York and as he has always understood from his parents and believes to be true. That there was a family record of his birth in a Bible but the same is lost.

That in the spring of the year or the first part of the summer in the year 1776 (the month he does not recollect) he resided at a place called the West Camp, about fifteen miles up the Hudson's river, from Esopus and State of New York and that he then entered the service in the militia as a volunteer in the militia as a volunteer and went to the City of New York.

That the company to which he belonged was commanded by John L. DeWitt who resided about a mile from the deponent. That he is dead. That John Hardenburgh commanded the Regiment. That he is dead. That this deponent joined the Regiment at the place called Esopus, now Kingston and there embarked on Board the Sloop, with the other troops and landed at the City of New York. That at this time the British troops had not got possession of the City of New York. That this deponent remained there, till in the month of September 1776, according to his recollection, when the British took possession of the City of New York and this deponent with the American troops crossed the river to [Paulus Hook?] in the State of New Jersey—that the American Army then moved up the river & crossed over at a place called King's Bridge & this deponent in with them from thence, they went to Horseneck and from thence went to White Plains, in here, a battle was fought between our troops & the British & he thinks this was in October 1776.

This deponent was not engaged in the Battle, but saw the troops engaged from thence went to Peekskill, in the East side of the Hudson's River and was employed in building at Stony Point on the West Side of the said river a fort called Stony Point Fort and was there discharged and this deponent returned home, having been in the service five months then this deponent further says that soon after his return home as aforesaid, he was ordered out in the militia to go to a place called [Remapough?] in the State of New Jersey.

That he went into the service & was in it about one month, and went to the place aforesaid. Matthew Dederick was the Capt. of the Company to which this

deponent belonged. That he is dead. That in the spring of the year 1777, this deponent volunteered for two months service, to go to [Schralenburgh?] in the State of New Jersey.

That Moses Cantine was the Captain of the company to which this deponent belonged and the Regiment was commanded by Col. Pauling. That he served out his time of two months and then returned home. That soon after his return home he was drafted in the militia to go to Schoharie in the State of New York for a fortnight. That that Moses Cantine commanded the company & Peter Post was the Lieutenant.

That he went to Schoharie during the term of harvesting grain at Schoharie. This was in the year 1777. That he served out the term & returned home. That soon after this and in the same year this deponent went with the militia to Stillwater in the State of New York & was a drummer in the company which was then commanded by Ensign Thomas VanSteenburgh who took the command in consequence of the sickness of the Capt. Matthew Dederick. Jonathan Elmendorf was the Lieut Col. of the regiment and commanded it, at that time.

That this service was one month & before the taking of Burgoyne. That after the completion of two terms of service, which was one month, he remained at Stillwater & did not return home. That he took the place of a soldier named Wilhemus Folk. I done duty for him and in the company to which he belonged, which was commanded by Philip Swart.

That a few days after this Burgoyne was taken and he was engaged in Battle and lost in a great measure, his hearing by the firing of a cannon, which this deponent with others took from the British. That Genl. Gates commanded the American troops at this time.

That after the taking of Burgoyne this deponent returned home in a furlough of three weeks and before that time heard his officers returned home & this deponent was discharged. That he served during the term last aforesaid about six weeks.

This deponent further says that in the year 1778 in the fall of that year he entered into service for three months I went to Fish Kill on the East side of the Hudson River, that Evert Bogardus commanded the company to which he belonged. That he remained at Fishkill at the whole of the three months and then returned home and was discharged.

This deponent further says that in the year 1780 early in the spring of that year he went in the place of his brother James Eggner who had enlisted for nine months (& who is now dead) to man the Fort at Shandakin in Ulster County in the State of New York.

That this deponent done duty it & said Fort for the said nine months & was then discharged and returned home. That Henry Pawling commanded the said fort.

This deponent further says that according to his recollection he served in the militia at the place called Shandakin in Ulster County in the year 1779. The following terms of the time to wit. One month in a company commanded by Matthew Dederick—One other month in a company commanded by the same Captain and one month in a company commanded by Henry Schoonmaker. That in the same year – he

also served in the militia one month under the Blue Mountains, in the town of Kingston, in the County of Ulster & State of New York, in a company commanded by Mathew Dederick.

That he has made particular inquiry to ascertain whether any of the officers or soldiers with whom he served are living and that there are concerning Whether he has any information are dead except Wilhelmus Emerick & Hezekia Wynkoop, whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Peter P. Eggner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before me.
William V. B. Heermance, Clerk