

Pension Application for Peter France

W.7328 (Widow: Elizabeth)

Letter in folder dated September 18, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Peter Frans and Henry Brunner, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found which was made to the United States based upon service of a Henry Brummer, or other spelling. The claim of only one soldier named Peter France has been found. His record is given herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.7328, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Peter France enlisted in 1776, served as a private in Captain Downhill's company, Colonel Rawlings' regiment, was at Fort Washington when it was taken by the enemy, was confined to a prison ship at New York, was paroled, subsequently, served at a fort at Frederick, Maryland, and at Pittsburgh, and was discharged August 9, 1779, having served three years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 17, 1827, at which time he resided in Stark County, Ohio. He was then aged seventy-six years, the date and place of his birth, names of his parents, and his residence at the time of enlistment are not shown.

The soldier married in the spring of 1793, in Woodberry, Frederick County, Maryland, Elizabeth Snyser of Adam County, Pennsylvania; she was on a visit to her brother-in-law at that time, his name not stated.

Peter France died April 26, 1836. His widow, Elizabeth, died February 19, 1851; the date and place of her birth are not shown, but in 1827, she was about fifty years of age.

The names of the children of Peter France, the soldier and his wife, Elizabeth, who survived their mother, are shown as follow: Henry, born in 1800; Lewis, born in 1806; David, born in 1811, Daniel, born in 1813; and James, born in 1815.

On November 8, 1853, David France, a resident of Summit County, Ohio, applied for pension which was due on account of the service of his father in the Revolutionary War. He applied in behalf of himself and his brothers, named above; the residence of those others are not shown. The claim was allowed.

In 1856, Mr. and Mrs. Glass (Mathias and Elizabeth), were residents of Summit County, Ohio, aged seventy-nine and seventy-five years respectively; in 1793, they lived on a farm adjoining that of the father of Elizabeth Snyser who married Peter France. Said Elisabeth Glass stated that her own sister married a brother of Elizabeth Snyser on July 6, 1806, but she did not give their names.