

Pension Application for Peter W. Groesbeck

R.4351 (Widow: Alida) Married Peter on Fourth of July 1779. He died October 6, 1831. Cannot find deposition for Peter.

Letter in folder dated February 9, 1932 from the Veterans Administration, written in response to a request by the member of the House of Representatives.

Reference is made to your letter of February 2, 1932, with letter attached of Mrs. Louise Groesbeck Norin of Afton Iowa, in which she requests the Revolutionary War record of her ancestor with surname Groesbeck.

It is noted that Mrs. Norin designates no particular soldier as the ancestor in whom she is interested. This office has no general genealogical data on file as a means of tracing ancestry.

The records have been searched under the various names which appear in her letter, Louis, Lewis, Jacob, Nicholas, Claas, Anthony, Gilbert, Sysbert, Hermans, William, Cornelius, David, John, and no claim for pension found based upon service of a Groesbeck with any of those given names. A further search shows no claim for pension on file on account of service in the Revolutionary War of a Captain Garret Groesbeck.

The record of the only Peter Groesbeck (or any other spelling of that surname) which has been found is as follows:

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, R.4351, based upon the military service of Peter Groesbeck in that war.

Peter W. Groesbeck married July 4, 1779, Alida V. Ananian or Asaman. Their marriage was recorded on the records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Albany, New York.

On April 22, 1837, soldier's widow, Alida then aged seventy-nine years "and upwards", and a resident of Albany, New York, applied for the pension that might have been due on account of the services of her husband, Peter W. Groesbeck, and alleged that her husband enlisted after their marriage and served under Captain Jacob Lansing, place of enlistment and length of service not shown, and that during the remainder of the Revolutionary War, he was frequently called out on various tours, but gave no details of these services; it was also stated that he enlisted "year previous to the capture of Burgoyne", and served a various times under Captain Jacob Lansing, Major Fonda, Colonels Peter Gansevoort, Wendell and Jacob Lansing, exact length of service not shown.

Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of six months service as was required by the pension laws.

A child is referred to as living during the Revolution, no name is given and there are no further data as to family.