

Pension Application for Peter Harder

R.4595 (Widow: Eve)

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

On this 28th day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. John Willard Charles F. Ingalls, Benjamin F. Skinner and John Moss judges of the County Court in and for said County now sitting Peter Harder of the Town of Argyle in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 7th July 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the month of July or August 1777, the company of Militia to which he was attached were called in to actual service and mustered at Claverack to actual service and mustered at Claverack in the County of Columbia and State of New York and marched from there to Saratoga where they were continued in actual service until after the capture of Burgoine in the month of October 1777 he continued doing duty at said time as a common Soldier for the term of three months, when he was discharged and returned home to Claverack.

That in the year 1778 about the month June or July he was again called out by the order of Government and marched to Lake George and remained in that vicinity doing duty as a common soldier for the term of three months and was then discharged and returned to Claverick [Claverack].

That in the month of June 1779 the company to which he was attached was again called out and were mustered at Claverick [Claverack] and went west to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River, he was with said company in actual service as a Common Soldier at the latter place for Five months and from there was marched to Fort Edward where they were stationed for one month and then was discharged and returned to Claverick [Claverack].

In the month of June 1780, he was again called out to oppose the ravages of the Indians upon the Mohawk and continued in actual service for three months where he was again discharged and returned to Claverick [Claverack].

In the month [of] June 1782 he was again called out and was mustered at Claverick [Claverack] and marched to Stillwater where he continued for two months and was discharged and returned to Claverick.

The names of the officers under whom, he served were Capt Miller, Lieut Peter Van Rensselaer, and the others he has forgotten.

He was generally engaged in [??] the frontier & the Indians and British troops and was in no general battle and from the year 1777 to the close of the campaign in 1782 he was almost constantly on duty as a Common soldier of the United States.

At other times than those particularly enumerated the Regiment to which he belonged was ordered out and on all occasions when that took place, he accompanied them. He continued to reside in Claverick [Claverack] until about the year 1801 when he removed to Argyle where he now resides and where he has continued to reside.

1. That he was born in the Town of Claverick [Claverack] in said County of Columbia in the year twenty seventh day of March 1753.
2. That the record of his age is in the family of his mother in the County of Columbia, but he has in his possession no record, but has no doubt the above is correctly stated—
3. At the several times when he was called into service he resided at Claverick [Claverack] as aforesaid; and from 1801 to the present time he has rendered in Argyle aforesaid.
4. He was called into service at the several times above mentioned in consequence of the Regiment to which he was attached having been ordered out and went into actual service.
5. The names of the regular officers were as stated herein before as far as he can recollect.
6. He never rec'd any written discharge to his knowledge.

The persons by whom he is known and who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution and who lives in his immediate neighborhood are Archibald White and Abraham Killmore of the Town of Argyle in said county.

The aforesaid offers he believes are all dead and he has no knowledge that he can prove actual service by any living witness.

That he has no documentary evidence by which to establish his claim.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of agency of any state.

(Signed with his mark) Peter Harder

J. S. Leigh Clk