

### **Pension Application for Peter Hunt**

W.16302 (Widow: Hannah) Peter died August 25, 1836.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Court of common Pleas and the Judges of said Court it being a Court of Record in the County of Delaware and the State of New York, Peter Hunt a resident of the town of Kortright in the County of Delaware and State of New York aged seventy six 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 provision made by the ac of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776—with Captain Childs and served a short time in his company of Infantry and soon after enlisted into a company of Artillery commanded by Captain Andrew Moody in a Regiment of the New York Continental line of the Army under the following named officers.

I entered about the first of April in the year 1776 under Captain Childs for and during the pleasure of congress (as I then understood) and served one year and was discharged.

In the spring of 1777 I entered again for three years and served one year and two months and then I hired one Ichabod Willem as a substitute for the residue of my time and I was discharged by General Piersons which discharge is lost and gone.

I entered as a volunteer in the Militia in the year 1775 in a company commanded by Captain Colby Chamberlin and served under him four [?] and was marched to the City of New York and was then discharged on the first of April 1776.

That during the year 1776 and the year 1777 & until June 1778 making two years and two month[s] I was in the Continental line of the Army of the revolution and in the year 1775 I was in the militia four months making in all two years and six months service, at the time I entered the service I resided in the town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and State of New York that I now reside in the Town of Kortright in the County of Delaware and State of New York and have resided then thirty six years past.

That during the year 1776 1777 & 1778 that I was stationed a part of the time at Forts Montgomery and Constitution and was marched from place to place. I was at Fishkill, Peekskill, land West Point and during the time I was at Forts Montgomery and Constitution Genl James Clinton had the command at the time Fort Montgomery was taken I was at Peekskill with 23 others as a guard over the Baggage of General Piersons under a Captain Jackson who commanded the guard.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is on the Pension roll of the agency

of the State of New York under the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and was stricken from the Roll.

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant.

Were [where] and in what year were you born.

In the town of Dover in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in the year 1756. I have a record of my age in the family Bible left by my parents.

At the time I entered the service I lived in the town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and state of New York since which time I have resided where I now do in the County of Delaware thirty six years.

I entered the service as a volunteer in the militia in the year 1775 & served four months I was always a volunteer.

I was under the command of Genl James Clinton, General Persons and when Espous was burnt General Putnam had the command of the American Army that marched up the east side of the Hudson River and I was then under his command.  
(Signed) Peter Hunt.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, C. B. Sheldon Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 2, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, in behalf of Hon. George F. Hunt of Beach, North Dakota, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 16302 it appears that Peter Hunt was born September 28, 1757 in Dover, Dutchess County, New York. His mother's name was Sarah. She was born December 2, 1728 and married March 26, 1744, her maiden name not stated, neither is the name of soldier's father given. After death of Soldier's father she married a Mr. Cary. She died July 10, 1816.

Peter Hunt while a resident of Dover, Dutchess County, New York, enlisted in 1775, served four months as private in Captain Colby Chamberlain's New York Company and was discharged April 1, 1776, on which day he again enlisted in Captain Child's Company, Colonel Henry Livingston's New York Regiment, served a short time and then enlisted in Captain Andrew Moody's Company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment of Artillery and was discharged in the spring of 1777 having served eleven or twelve months.

He enlisted again in the spring of that year and served one year and two months, was at the burning of Espous, and a part of the time served under Captain Jackson on a guard at Peekskill, all in the New York Troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September [?] 1818 while a resident of Kortright, Delaware County, New York. He died August 25, 1836, in said Kortright.

Soldier married September 15, 1777, or 1779 (both statements made by soldier's widow, and 1779 as shown on family record on file with the pension claim) in Nine Partners or Oblong (which was later called Amenia), Dutchess County, New York, Hannah Benson born May 15, 1761, of Pawlings (later called Dover), Dutchess

County, New York. She was allowed pension on her application executed March 3, 1838 while living in Kortright, New York. Their children were:

Susannah born December 26, 1778, married March 20, 1803.

Ambrose born January 21, 1781, married January 20, 1811.

Jacob born December 27, 1783, married March 1815.

Peter, Jr. born July 30, 1788.

Benson born September 11, 1792, married June 18, 1813.

William born December 24, 1798, married March 6, 1821.

Hiram born June 8, 1801, married April 26, 1827.

Immediately following those names, the following name also appears, Priscilla Benson born March 9, 1795.