

Pension Application for Martin Walter

W.612 (Widow: Phebe) Martin died April 6, 1844.

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State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

I Sylvanus Tousley one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County to the Honorable Secretary of the War department do certify that on this first day of April Eighteen hundred and eighteen personally came before me Martin Walter a resident of the town of Manlius in said county and being duly sworn declared on oath that some time in the latter part of the year 1775 he enlisted into the service of the United States in the first Regiment of New York Troops commanded by Colonel VanSchaick in the Company then commanded by Captain Fink and served in that company about three years when he was transferred to the Company of Captain Hicks & served about six months.

That he was then transferred to the company of Captain Grieg and served therein till the close of the war for which term he was enlisted. That he was discharged on the fourth day of June 1783 at a place called snake Hill near West Point and that his discharge has since been burnt in a dwelling house which was consumed by accident.

He further declares that he receives no pension from the United States and that he is now poor and unable, without assistance to support himself and family.

From all which and from the testimony of of [sic] Adam Walter herewith transmitted it appears to my satisfaction that the said Martin Walter served in the Revolutionary War until the end thereof as above stated against the common enemy and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life and in need of assistance from his County for support.

Done in pursuance of the act of Congress of the United States entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of of [sic] the United States in the Revolutionary War approved March 18th 1818". (Signed) Sylvanus Tousley

Letter in file dated Sept. 30, 1905, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated August 20, 1905, and received August 23, 1905, requesting a statement of the military history of Martin Walter, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, the following information is contained in his and his widow's applications for pension on file in this Bureau:

While living at Stone Arabia, N.Y. he enlisted in 1775, Private, under Captain John Isler or Isinglord and Captain Bloomfield, in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's regiment of New York troops, and served nine months.

He enlisted January 4, 1776, Private, Corporal and Sergeant, under Captains Andrew Finch, Hicks, John Graham and James Grieg, in Colonel Goose Van Schaick's regiment, and was discharged June 8, 1783 at Snake Hill or Pompton Heights, near

West Point. He was in the battle of Monmouth and at the surrender of Cornwallis. No mention is made of wounds.

His father, Jacob, served in the same company with him during the war.

Soldier applied for pension April 1, 1818 and was then living at Manlius, Onondago [Onondaga] N.Y. where he died April 6, 1844. He was sixty-eight years old in 1820.

He married Caty Swoap in Stone Arabia, N.Y.; she died at Matilda, Upper Canada, in the summer of 1800. They had six children, of whom Simon, aged sixty-five years, George, Lewis and Peter survived in 1853.

Soldier married Phebe Pelton December 26, 1802, in Matilda Township, Upper Canada; she was seventy years old April 10, 1853.

They had twelve children, of whom Isaac was eight years old and Azariah ten months old in September 1820; David, Daniel, Isaac, Elijah, and Gideon were living in 1853.

Soldier's and his widow's claims were allowed.