

Pension Application for Peter Mills

S.36153

District of Columbia

Washington County SS

On this ninth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record of the United [States] for the County & District aforesaid, Peter Mills late a Captain of the army of the Revolution aged seventy seven years resident in the City of Washington in the District aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows.

I Peter Mills do solemnly swear that I first served in a New York Regiment commanded by Col'n Nicholas as a Captain, that I then served in Col'n Spencers Regiment in the same state, and afterwards in Col'n Baldwin's Regiment & that I continued in the army during the whole of the war.

That I have been admitted as a Pensioner under the Law of the United States of the 18 March 1818, as will appear by my Certificate under the Seal of the Department of War dated the 2nd of April 1818, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18 March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed as follows to wit:

Real Property – None

Personal Property, (except necessary apparel) – None

Mixed Property – None.

I am by occupation a Carpenter but from age, wounds, and debility, am unable to pursue it.

I have no family residing with me, nor any wife, children or near Relations, upon whom to rely for support or assistance.

Sworn to and declared on the 9th day of June 1820 before me in open Court.
Test. Wm. Brent &c. Dist of Columbia Washington County Clerk, Etc.

Letter in folder dated January 31, 1913, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 24th and received the 27th instant, you are advised that from the papers in the claim Sur. File No. 36,153, Rev. War, it appears that Peter Mills who was born in August 1755, was appointed a Captain in the Minute service and continued as such until the beginning of the year 1776, in that year he was appointed a Captain in Colonel Nicholson's regiment, New York Line; he then served in Colonel Spencer's regiment in the same State and was commissioned Captain on November 12, 1779, in Colonel Baldwin's Artificer regiment, and served to the end of the war.

He was in the battles of Long Island, Harlem Heights, Saratoga, Monmouth, and Siege of York, and was wounded in the right leg and breast, for which he was pensioned.

He was a resident of Washington, D.C. in 1827, and died October 1, 1830.