

Pension Application for Peter Mowris or Mouris

W.19901 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married Elizabeth Vandermark on August 9, 1783. Peter died August 29, 1834.

State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On the thirty first day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me Abraham G. Hardenbergh, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County being a Court of record having by law a Clerk and a Seal, Peter Mouris a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and Sate of New York aged Eighty two 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1776 in the month of June he volunteered and enlisted for the term of five months in a company of militia commanded by Capt. John Hasbrouck [blank] Hunter First Lieutenant, James Rosenkrans Second Lieutenant—the company mustered at Marbletown aforesaid and marched to Kingston, and from thence went on board of a sloop to New York;. There he joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Johannis Hardenbergh, John Morin Scott was our Brigadier General—served as a guard in the City of New York until New York was evacuated by the American Army and was at that time on what was called the Fly Market Guard—

The main army was on the East River and retreated to Harlaem and Kingsbridge, and the different guards which were left in the City were let out by Genl Putnam—This applicant was one of them, and was one of the last that left the City at that time—we joined the Regiment again at Kingsbridge—laid some time there and then marched up to White Plains in West Chester County, was there when the Battle was fought—

The Brigade in which this applicant belonged was kept in motion and engaged by the British Cannon about a quarter of mile from the main battle—as also was Brig Genl George Clinton, and Genl Parsons; sometime afterwards when the British returned to New York the Regimen to which this applicant belonged was ordered and marched to Peekskill where we laid for sometime from thence to Kingsferry at Haverstraw where we laid still our time expired and were discharged on the last day of November after living said term of five months—in this campaign saw Genl Washington, Hamilton, Putnam, McDougal, Lee, Clinton; &c (see the affidavit of John J. Roosa hereto annexed)—

In the year 1777 in the beginning of Winter the Militia from parts of Dutchess and Ulster Counties being called out to go to New Jersey—part of the Militia from Dutchess County refused to go—this applicant then volunteered and went under John DeWitt Capt, Jacob Chambers and Moses Depuy Lieutenants, scouted through Dutchess County, brought in a number of the Disaffected and those who refused to go—they were tried and several sent to Poughkeepsie Goal [jail] was engaged one

month in this service —(said applicant has no living witness of this service, all those with whom he was acquainted in this service are dead; the last Benjamin J. Davis died in June last.)—

In the same year in the month of February said applicant volunteered for two months to go to New Jersey—served in this campaign in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Kortright, Moses Cantine and Abraham Deyo Lieutenants—went by land through Orange County and was ordered and marched to near what is called English Neighborhood was engaged in scouting and patrolling through the country; was ordered and marched from there to Ramapo where we were discharged in the month of April after serving said term of two months. Levi Pawling was our Colonel — Col. Coopers Regiment lay there at the same time—said applicant knows of no one now living by whom he can prove this service)—

In the same year in the beginning of August—said applicant volunteered for three months to go to the northward—enlisted in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Charles Brodhead, James Rosekrans First, Moses Cantine Second Lieutenant, went on Board of a Sloop to Albany, and were there ordered to march for Fort Stanwix—marched on to Schenectady when we came there the Field officers were not yet arrived—VanSchaick's Regiment was there at that time which was then ordered on to Fort Stanwix, and the company to which this applicant belonged were marched to VanSchaicks Island near Waterford, then our Regiment was formed under Col. Graham, Lieut Col. Graham, Lieut Col. Hopkins and Major John Cantine, and were attached to Genl Glovers Brigade, then marched to Stillwater and joined Genl Gates' Army before Burgoyne came down—was in one skirmish with the Hessians there, took their guard house and burnt it—was on duty when Burgoyne surrendered—saw him and Genl Gates shook hands together, after the surrender was ordered and marched to Marbletown in Ulster County and there discharged some time after Kingston was burnt about the first of November after serving said term of three months, --

In this campaign saw Genl Lincoln, Nixon, Arnold, Patterson &c (see the affidavits of Jacob J. Roosa and John J. Roosa who were with said applicant in this service).

In the year 1778 the year before Sullivan's Army went westward, said said [sic] applicant engaged as a substitute for a Class to service on the frontiers in said County of Ulster—was ordered to Saghawaick in the town of Wawasink and was there placed in a fort in a company commanded by Aldert Roosa, and was engaged in scouting along said frontiers in order to protect the Inhabitants from the Indians and Tories; was discharged after serving thirty five days, enlisted in the beginning of July and was discharged in August—(has no witness of this service, said Roosa is dead, and also the rest who were with him, with whom he was acquainted as far as he can discover).

In the year 1779 served again for one month on the frontiers at Marbletown in Ulster County as a substitute for a class In the company of Militia of Capt. Charles Brodhead, Jacob Chambers Lieutenant—was obliged to serve along the frontiers to keep back the Indians and tirs, and to protect the Inhabitants from their

depredations and cruelty – this was in the fall of the year thinks in the months of October and November—(knows of no one now living who was with him in this service.)

Said applicant has frequently been called out on alarms and scouting parties on said frontiers for one, two, three and four days at a time which he cannot particularize; but is positive that he has served the Terms severally above stated—

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the said Judge as prescribed by the War Department said applicant on his oath states 1st that he was born on the 22d day of September 1750 at Marbletown, in the County of Ulster and State of New York, 2d that his age is recorded in the Records of the Dutch Reformed Church at Marbletown where he as baptized, 3d that he lived in said Marbletown when called into said services has lived there ever since and still lives in said town-4th that he entered said several services as a volunteer and a substitute as within stated 5th He has within set forth according to his best recollection the names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where he served, and such Continental and Militia Regiments, and such circumstances as he remembers—6th He never received any other than a verbal discharge—7th he can state the names of John Lounsbery, Esq, and Isaac B. Bloom Esq, in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Peter Mowris

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Abm G. Hardenbergh one of the Judges of Ulster Com. Pleas.