

Pension Application for Peter L. Myer

S.14001

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

On this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of said county, now sitting, Peter L. Myer, a resident of the town of Cobleskill in the county of Schoharie in the county of Schoharie and State of New York aged seventy six years and three months 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. He entered the service in the latter part of the month of July 1776, as a volunteer for five months at Kingston, Ulster County and state aforesaid, where he then lived, in Captain Moses Cantine's Company in Colonel Pauling's regiment. He joined the company at Kingston aforesaid, and went with the company on a sloop to the Highlands thinks that General George Clinton had command of the Brigade. They went from there to Groton river in a sloop, and from there they went to Kings Bridge, about 15 miles north of New York, and remained there till about the middle of October as near as he can recollect.

They then went to White Plains, that while there he was in some skirmishing but at the time of the battle he was out pressing teams to remove the military stores and baggage for which purpose he and others had been ordered out. That after the battle, the British remained at the plains a number of days he thinks, and then went off. That after they had gone, Washington went with the main Army to New Jersey or on that way, as near as he can recollect. That he the said Peter L. Myer continued in the service till the first of Jan'y, when he was discharged at New Windsor, Orange County.

That again in the summer of 1777, he volunteered in Captain Moses Cantine's company in Col. John Snyder's regiment under command of Major Wynkoop. He joined the company at Kingston aforesaid, and marched to one Schoharie, and from there to Harpersfield, it was the time the news came that the British and Indians had made an attack upon the inhabitants and troops at Schoharie and Harpersfield. That when they came there the enemy had gone, upon which they returned to Kingston and he was discharged there. That from the time he joined the company till the time he was discharged he thinks was between twenty and thirty days.

The he again entered the service as a volunteer at Kingston aforesaid in the month of September 1777, in Captain Dedrick's Company in Colonel Snyder's regiment. He thinks that one Lieutenant Thomas VanSteenbergh had command of the company at that time, and that one Elmendorf had command of the regiment during this campaign, or a part of the time. That he the said Peter L. Myer, joined the company at Kingston aforesaid and marched to Stillwater and to Bemis's Heights was at Saratoga at the time of the battle with Burgoyne, but the body of men that he was

with was not brought into the action. So that he was not in the battle. That after the battle they returned to Kingston he was in the service at that time about a month and a few days, as near as he can recollect. That he got home some time in the night and before he got up in the morning he was ordered by Captain Dedrick to join his company, that the enemy were approaching, that he was in the service that time about ten or twelve days.

Again about the first day of October 1778, he entered the service at the town of Saugerties In Ulster County in Captain Matthew Dedrick's Company for one month, in Colonel John Snyder's regiment, that he the said Peter L. Myer belonged to a class at that time, and it had become his turn to go. He marched to Woodstock, Ulster County, where they kept their headquarters. That he continued in the Service till his month was out when he was discharged at the place last aforesaid.

That again on or about the first day of May 1779, he was called into the service at Kingston in the County of Ulster, aforesaid in a company then under command of Lieutenant Tobias Myers, in Colonel Snyder's regiment, that he served in said company as orderly sergeant for one month. They were stationed at the town of Woodstock in said county as a frontier guard and he continued to serve till the forepart of June when he was discharged at the place last aforesaid.

That in the fall of the year 1779, he again entered the service at Kingston in the County of Ulster in Captain Evert Bogardus's Company In Colonel Joseph Hasbrook's regiment. It being the turn of the said Peter Snyder's to go, according to an arrangement made by him and others. He joined the company at Kingston and went with said company to Fishkill and was stationed there till he was discharged. That he was in the service at that time one months besides the time he took in returning home from Fishkill, Dutchess County, where he was discharged, to Kingston Ulster County where he resided.

To the special interrogatories of the Court he answers, first.

That he was born at Kingston Ulster County in the State of New York, on the 5th day of November in the year 1756. Secondly that his age is recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church Book in the town of Saugerties in the County and State aforesaid. Thirdly when he was called into the service he was living in the town of Kingston County of Ulster & State of New York. That he continued to live there till in the year 1800. He then moved to Schaghticoke in the County of Rensselaer and State aforesaid, that he continued to reside there till the year 1812 when he removed to Cobleskill in the County of Schoharie and State aforesaid, where he has resided ever since and now resides. Forthly he entered the service as a volunteer the first, second and third time. The 4th time it became his turn to go according to an arrangement between him and the class he belonged to . The 5th time he was called or ordered in to the service as one of the persons whose turn it was then to go. The 6th time—It became his turn to go according to arrangement between him and others.

And also the names of the regular officers who were with the troops while he served he cannot recollect many more of them than he has mentioned in his declaration. General Washington & General George Clinton were at KingsBridge &

White Plains & Genl Gates at Sarratoga &c. Sixthly, says that he never received but one discharge in writing, and by whom it was signed he cannot remember nor does he know what has become of it. Seventhly, says he is know to the following persons in his neighbourhood, who he thinks can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit. Thomas VanSteenburgh, Thomas Butler, Frederick Row, George Sagendorf, Henry Schafter, Jesse Patrick, Henry Woodfor, and others.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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) Peter L. Myer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 31, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.14001, it appears that Peter L. Myer was born November 5, 1756 at Kingston, New York, and while living at Kingston, Ulster County, New York, he enlisted and served in the New York Troops as follows:

From July 1776 to January 1, 1777 as a private in Captain Moses Cantine's Company, Colonel Pawling's Regiment.

From the Summer of 1777 for twenty days in Captain Moses Cantine's Company, Colonel John Snyder's Regiment.

From September 1777 for one month and ten days under Captain Dedrick and Colonel John Snyder.

From October 1, 1778 for one month in Captain Matthew Dedrick's Company, Colonel John Snyder's Regiment.

From May 1, 1779 for one month as Orderly Sergeant under Lieutenant Tobias Myers in Colonel Snyder's Regiment.

From the Fall of 1779 for one month in Captain Evert Bogardus' Company, Colonel Joseph Hasbrouck's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 5, 1833, while living in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.