

Pension Application for Peter Paddock

R.7856

State of New York
Jefferson County SS.

On this 14th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting Peter Paddock, a resident of Pamela in said county, aged 75 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. Left New City in the County of Albany as a Volunteer on the 5 day of June 1776 (1), went to a place called Fort Constitution opposite West Point served five months my Lieut. was Van Vrankin, Capt. Caleb Bentley (1) from Hoosick, Maj. Henry K. Van Rensselaer (2), Maj. Schuyler (3) commanded the Regulars was discharged in Albany, the 1 day of March 1777 went to Saratoga. Lake & enlisted under Capt. John Cole in the Batteau service for nine months. Served the term out in carrying provisions from Albany as far as the boats went up the river. One Follicot [Volkert A.] Dow was called Asst. Quarter Master Genl. was discharged in [All?] which we lay at Saratoga Lake under Capt. Cole and went to work in making a road from Saratoga river to Sandy Hill. Then went to Fort George & commenced cutting for vessels & winter until the Lake & river opened & then commenced the bateau service in carrying provisions a little while before the Nine months had expired. I was taken out of the Batteau service & put on board of the [magazine?] a vessel under the command of Capt. Philip Young, was discharged in Albany. When Gen Burgoyne (4) was taken which I was in the batteau service. That in the year when the Battle of Monmouth (5) was fought, I hired a substitute for nine months to fill a draft whose name was [George Clayburt?] who went into the service & I believe [?] served his time out as he come home at the end of Nine Months.

At the time when Cherry Valley was cut off & destroyed by Indians under Brant (6) was out over two weeks, went up at the Battle where Sir John Johnson was (7) defeated served over two weeks this was in the winter time Capt. Christopher Tillman, Maj. Banker was over at Caughnawaga were there two weeks under Capt. Tillman, thinks he was born in 1757 but is not certain, has no record of his age. Was born at Nine Partners in Dutchess County. Was discharged in writing but was lost, there is no documentary evidence. Removed from Nine Partners to Rhinebeck—then to Claverack—then to New City—then to Amsterdam then to Pamela in the County of Jefferson where he now resides, that he knows no one living by whom he confirm his services.

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 with his mark)
Peter Paddock

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid, P. Burchard, Clerk
Letter dated March 21, 1940 replying to a letter of inquiry.
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Peter Paddock was born in the year 1757 (as near as he remembered) in Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York; the names of his parents were not stated. He moved from there to Rhinebeck, thence to Claverack, then to New City, Albany County, New York, from there to Amsterdam, New York, and after that to Pamela, Jefferson County, where he resided in 1832.

September 14, 1832, Peter Paddock applied for pension which might have been due on account of his service in the Revolutionary War. He stated then that he volunteered June 5, 1776 in New City, New York and served five months as corporal in Captain Caleb Bentley's company, colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer's New York regiment, stationed at Fort Constitution, that he enlisted April 1, 1777, and served in Captains John Cole's (8) and Philip Young's (9) companies, engaged in the bateau service, was discharged at the expiration of nine months; furthermore, that he was called out subsequently on short tours, and served as corporal in Captain Christopher Tillman's company, Colonel Bancroft's New York regiment, (10) once at Cherry Valley, and at another time, at Canajoharie.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service of six months in a regularly organized military corps, as required by the pension law under which he applied, which law made no provision for bateau service.

Peter Paddock made no reference to wife or children at the time he made application for pension.

End Notes—R.78556—Peter Paddock

1. On June 7, 1776 the Provincial Congress ordered that 3,000 men were to be raised for the defense of the New York City area. Albany County's quota was 175 men. Dutchess County was to supply 335 men and Ulster County was to supply 300. The men from the 3 countries were to form a regiment. Captain Caleb Bentley of the Fifth Company in Colonel Bentley of the fifth Company in Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia was drafted into the regiment. According to his payroll and muster roll his lieutenants were Moses VanVranka[n] and Peter Alagee. On Bentley's Muster Roll they marched for Fort Constitution on June 23, 1776. He also states the colonel of the regiment was Colonel Cornelius Humphrey who had been the Colonel of the First Regiment of Dutchess County Minute Men. Peter is listed as a corporal and had a gun, a bayonet and cartridge box. According to the payrolls he was still at Fort Constitution as of November 1, 1776. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 118, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Henry K. VanRensselaer was the lieutenant-colonel of Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.
3. Major Peter Schuyler of the Second New York Continental Regiment the regiment was commanded by Colonel James Clinton until he was appointed Brigadier General on August 9, 1776.
4. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British forces and Allies on October 17, 1777.
5. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778.
6. Captains Walter Butler and Joseph Brant destroyed Cherry Valley on November 11, 1778.
7. Captain Christopher Tillman and Second Major Floris Banker of Colonel Schuyler's Regiment. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780. Sir John Johnson commanded the British troops and Indians. Brigadier General Robert Van Rennselaer commanded the American forces in the battle.
8. A muster roll for Captain John Cole's Company of Batteaumen so far has not been located.
9. There are numerous captains mentioned for various types of boats or vessels but a complete list has not been located so that further information on Captain Philip Young is unknown.
10. Colonel Bancroft is unknown.