

Pension Application for Abraham Palmateer

S.23,352 [Died Jan'y 19, 1840. Ulster Co. Captain Hasbrouck, Col. Paulding's Regt, NY Line, Private and Corporal]
State of New York
Ulster County SS.

On this Eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and Thirty-Two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid, now sitting at the Court House in Kingston in said county, Abraham Palmateer of the Town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster aforesaid, aged Seventy Six 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 7th 1832—

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

In the beginning of the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he volunteered to serve his country against the British, at the town of New Paltz aforesaid for the term of five months, in a company of Militia whereof Jacob Hasbrouck Jun'r (1) was Captain, Abraham Deyo first Lieutenant, Frederick Westbrook (2) second Lieutenant and Reuben DeWitt Ensign, (3) from New Paltz deponent went immediately after his enlistment to Poughkeepsie, in the County of Dutchess, and waited one night until the Sloop from Esopus arrived with the residue of the Company on board, deponent with said company was transported on board of said Sloop to Fort Montgomery in the County of Orange, and from thence to VerPlank's Point in the County of Westchester where we landed and marched on foot to Kingsbridge, I remained there in the service under the command of Captain Hasbrouck until the British army began to move from New York up the East river when Captain Hasbrouck with a portion of his company as ordered to White Plains. I was detached with others and put under the command of Captain Graham and Lieutenant Nathaniel Potter, we were employed in guarding the lines between Kingsbridge and Morrisania after some weeks we marched to Fort Washington on York Island, from thence crossed the Hudson River, and marched on the west side of said river to Kings ferry, where we again crossed the river and marched to Peekkill [Peekskill] at which place we joined our company under Captain Hasbrouck, and marched to Fort Constitution opposite West Point, where we lay until the first of January, the expiration of our term, the whole company were honorably discharged and returned home—no written discharges were given to any of us at this time—our company belonged to Col. Levi Paulding's Regiment, General George Clinton Commanded, during this term of service I saw General Washington, Major Logan and Col. Asher—

I know Johannis Eckert, John York and Josiah Drake of New Paltz aforesaid, who are now living and belonged to Capt. Hasbrouck's Company and served the said term of five months, except the said John York who was taken sick at Kingsbridge and sent home—

In the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, seventy eight and seventy nine the militia in the town of New Paltz aforesaid, was kept in constant readiness to march on short notice, in a body, on alarms given, they were also sent in classes or detachments, from which one of the number was drawn or selected, to serve the term of one month at a time, one of the class being in actual service all the time. Deponent belonged to Captain Ransom's (4) Company Nathaniel Potter was the Lieutenant, during these years & I served therein as a Corporal.—

In October one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, Captain Ransom's Company were ordered to the north, on the approach of the British Army under Genl. Burgoine, (5) we marched to Stillwater in the County of Saratoga, Colonel Cantine commanded our Regiment, we remained there until after the Battle with the British army when we were ordered to take charge of about one hundred and fifty prisoners, which we brought to Albany and shortly thereafter we returned home, having been absent between three and four weeks—immediately after our return we were kept in actual service guarding the shores of the Hudson River, when the British ships were returning after having burnt Kingston about two weeks—at Saratoga General Gates (6) commanded the American Army, I saw General Schuyler (7) there, at Bemus Heights.—In the next year following we were again out under Captain Ransom, and Colonel Cantine, on an alarm against the Indians, we marched to a place called Freetown in the County of Albany this time we were absent three weeks.—at other times during the aforesaid years, I was out for the term of four months, at different times of one month each, out of our class,—under Captain Ransom, and Colonel Cantine, during these different times we were stationed on the frontiers in the County of Ulster aforesaid, at Shandaken, Shoean, and Lunenburgh in the Town of Rochester and Marble town.—The Indians burnt Warwarsing and committed other injuries in connection with the Tories and Refugees which rendered it necessary to keep a constant guard, on this frontier.—Deponent as Corporal, was engaged in warning the men on every occasion, our town was thinly settled and the company lived about twelve miles on the river but the length of time spent in this service deponent can not tell—Josiah Drake now living was with me in all of the above terms of service, his affidavit is hereunto annexed—

Deponent further says in answer to the questions put to him by the said Court in the county of Ulster.—He was born in the town of Poughkeepsie in the county of Dutchess sometime in the year 1756, but he cannot tell the

day nor month—He has no record of his age—when called into service he lived in the town of New Paltz aforesaid and has lived there ever since except about twenty years, when he lived in the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware in said State, when he was called into service he volunteered, except when drafted for his class—In addition to the regular officers and regiments above mentioned by him, he recollects Col. Swarthout (8) and his regiment at Kingsbridge. The general circumstances of his services, he cannot state more fully than he has—

Deponent never received a written discharge, he believes the militia were not in the habit of receiving such—

Deponent is known to and well acquainted with the Reverend William Warner of the Town of Olive in said County of Ulster, and David Wooley Esqr. One of the Justices of the peace of New Paltz aforesaid who can testify to deponent's character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.—

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) Abraham Palmateer

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. AD Soper, First Judge, Abrm A. Deyo, AG Hardenburgh, John Jansen, Judges.

End Notes—S.23352—Abraham Palmateer

1. Jacob Hasbrouck, Jr. was Captain of the Second Company of the Township of New Paltz. The Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia was commanded by Colonel Levi Pawling or Paulding. On February 21, 1778, John Cantine was appointed Colonel of the regiment as Pawling had been appointed 1st Judge of Common Pleas. The other company officers of the Second Company were as follows: Abraham Deyo, Jr. as First Lieutenant, Petrus Hasbrouck as Second Lieutenant and Samuel Bevier as the Ensign.
2. Frederick Westbrook was appointed Ensign on May 3, 1776 in Captain Petrus Schoonmaker's Company; First Company of the Township of Rochester in the Third Ulster.
3. Reuben DeWitt was the Second Lieutenant in Captain Andries Bevier's Company, Second Company of the Township of Rochester, Third Ulster.
4. Captain Peleg Ransom, First Lieutenant Nathaniel Potter, Second Lieutenant William Donaldson and Ensign William Ellsworth, Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
5. The Battles of Saratoga were fought on September 19 and October 7, 1777. General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army on October 17, 1777.
6. Major General Horatio Gates of the American Army.
7. Major General Philip Schuyler of the American Army.
8. Colonel Jacobus Swartwout of the Second Regiment of Dutchess County Minute Men. He was appointed Brigadier General on March 3, 1780 of the Dutchess County Militia.