

Pension Application for Isaac Palmateer or Palmanteer

S.43784

State of New York SS.

On this eleventh day of May in the year 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Steuben and State aforesaid personally appears Isaac Polmateer aged fifty six years, resident in Prattsburgh in the County and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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".

That he the said Isaac Palmateer enlisted in the State of New York in the company commanded by Abraham Swartout in the year 1776, of the Infantry—third Regiment commanded by Col. Gansevoort; that he continued in the said Regiment until the capture of General Burgoyne in the service of the United States—

That on a consolidation he this deponent was transferred to the first Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. VanSchaick, Capt. Cornelius Johnsons Company and continued in the said Corps & in the service of the United States until the 8th day of June 1783 when he was discharged as will appear by the discharge herewith annexed at Newburgh in the State of New York.

That he was at Fort Stanwix at the time that that Fort was besieged by Gen. St. Ledger and was engaged in several skirmishes during the revolutionary war.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service. (Signed) Isaac Palmateer

Sworn to and declared before me this 11th day of May AD 1818. Wm. Helm

Letter in folder dated November 25, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Isaac Palmatier, a Revolutionary War soldier listed on the pension rolls of Steuben County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.43784, based upon the military service of Isaac Palmateer, Palmeteer or Palmanteer. The surname does not appear as Palmetier and the soldier signed in person as Palmanteer.

The date and place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

He enlisted in New York State in 1777 as drummer in Captain Abraham Swartwout's company in Colonel Gansevoort's Third New York Regiment and after the capture of General Burgoyne was transferred to Captain Cornelius Johnson's company in Colonel VanSchaick's New York regiment and continued in said corps until discharged June 8, 1783. He was in the siege of Fort Stanwix, in several skirmishes and at the capture of Lord Cornwallis.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 11, 1818, at which time he was living in Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York, aged fifty-six years, and he was living there in 1828.

In 1820 he referred to his wife (name not given) and stated that he had twelve children and that the following were living with him: Richard aged twenty-one, Rachel aged eighteen, Joseph aged fifteen, John aged fourteen, Jacob aged twelve, and David aged nine. The names of the other children were not given.

In 1822 one Timothy Palmanteer was living but his relationship to the soldier was not shown.

The papers in this claim contain no further data relative to soldier's family.

Bath 18 Feb. 1828.

My Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for the report & profile of the contemplated National Road from Washington to Buffalo, which you had the goodness to send Capt. Read & myself some time ago. What is your opinion as to the prospect of the road being made?

My particular object in addressing you now, is to solicit your good offices in preventing old Isaac Palmanteer of Prattsburgh, from being struck from the pension roll. I understand, a petition to that effect has been, or will shortly be sent to Washing'n and I can give you, in a few words the causes which have led to that petition. In Palmanteers neighborhood, the Pulteney Estate has a large tract of unsold lands, chiefly valuable for the timber upon them. To preserve this timber from being wantonly destroyed by worthless characters, Palmanteer has been employed, for many years by the office to keep watch and inform against trespassers. During the present winter, the old man has reported to us a good many cases, which have been followed up on our part, by seizing the plunder and prosecuting the plunderers. These circumstances have rendered the old man very obnoxious to that lawless neighborhood, and they are now endeavoring to injure him all in their power. As to the old man's property, I believe he is as poor, as the Sec'r of War could well desire him to be. The land he occupies, he contracted for of this office in the year 1813, and all he has ever paid upon it is \$70—you may therefore well judge of his prospects in that respect. I presume it is not now worth the debt. From all I know, I and have learnt of the old man's circumstances, I do sincerely believe him to be as fit a subject for the provisions of the pension laws, as any other on the list, and I will be greatly obliged to you, if you will use your best exertions to prevent his being suspended.

News of the Death of Gov. Clinton, reached us on Friday Evening last. You may readily imagine, how great the shock to our feelings, at so unexpected & unlooked for event. The simultaneous expression of deep sorrow & regret, at the loss of this great & good man, is alike creditable to us as a people, and a striking evidence of the great estimation in which he was held. God knows how little we need to envy that man, who may be destined to succeed DeWitt Clinton in the chair of State.

We have nothing of interest passing here. Our friend Cameron has had a hard time of it in Albany thus far—having been rendered a tedious course of medicine. By his last letter to me, however, he is improving in health & spirits. He thinks the State Road Bill stands a fair chance for success; and our friend the Genl in case it should pass, will be hardly compensated for the mortification he will feel, in having made so many Legislative campaigns & speeches for nothing.

Pray inform me, if you can, if Judge Rochester has left the United States. Please present my respects to Genl Marvin & Mr. Garrow. Yours Respectfully, W. W. McCay

To John Magee Esqr.

P.S. Fulton's employment ceased a few days after W. Cameron started for Albany.