

Pension Application for William Palmateer

W.26290 (Widow: Mary Ann) Mary Ann Henry Married William March 1837. William died at Madison Indiana Sept. 1839.

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State of Kentucky

Fayette County SS

On the 17th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Mayor's Court in the City of Lexington now sitting William Palmateer a resident of the City of Lexington in the County aforesaid aged seventy two years on the 18th March 1833 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The said Palminteer states that he was born in the County of Dutchess in the state of New York on the 18th day of March 1761, that about the year 1769 his father moved to the County of Ulster in the State of New York where the said applicant remained untill about the first of April 1779, when he was drafted in the County of Ulster for; the term of eight months, & put under the command of Captain Pierson & marched to the frontier settlements of the state of New York & stationed at fort Napanock as it was then called near fort Warsink. That the principal part of the eight months he was stationed at Napanock & the residue of the time he was stationed at a fort called Lackawack about nine or ten miles from Fort Napanock, that the said applicant was kept in said forts & passing from one to the other during the whole of the said eight months.

That during the time of his service, he believes about the month of August the Indians made an attack upon fort Warsink about three miles from where he was stationed at break of day in the morning & burnt part of the out buildings & killed Colonel Broadhead & that several horses & carried others off with them.

That in the conflict two or three Indians were killed, that your applicant was marched to fort Warsink the day after the attack was made upon it. That a party was detached in pursuit of the Indians towards their settlements, & retook part of the stolen horses and took three Indians prisoners & brought them in.

That the said applicant was not with the party who pursued the Indians but remained by order of the Captain in Napanock as a guard to the fort.

That your applicant is not able at this length of time (being fifty two years ago) to swear positively that Colo Broadhead was the Colonel having command at the said three forts above mentioned or was the Colonel under whose command he was called out but he believes he was if he was not called by the command of the said Broadhead he has forgotten the name of the name of the superior officer under whose command he was drafted. That a man by the name of Conner was the quartermaster, who furnished provisions for the said Forts.

That he was drafted as a private & acted during the eight months in that capacity. That he was in the said forts & out upon scouting parties under the command of his officers during the whole eight months and was not employed in any civil pursuit whatever.

That it was during the revolutionary war & he was called out by competent authority & the body with which he served was an organized corps, called into service to guard & protect the frontier settlements of the state of New Yord [York] from the Indians. That after his term of service expired, which was in the beginning of winter 1779, he was discharged & returned home to the County of Ulster.

That whether he received a written discharge or not at this time he is not able to say, but he believes he did not, as he has no recollection of getting such a paper, or having such a [?] in his possession since.

That after he was twenty one years of age he removed back to the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] In the said state of New York and when 25 years of age married in the County of Dutchess, where he afterwards lived (near the town of Poughkeepsie) untill after he was forty years of age. That he then moved to the State of Kentucky & settled in the town of Lexington, where he has lived for the last thirty years.

That he has no written evidence of said service & knows of no person living at this time by whom he can prove the same,

That he has been for thirty years well acquainted with the citizens of Lexington & its vicinity & refers to Capt John Fowler the Honorable H. Clay the Hon'ble Wm T. Barry Colo. Richard M. Johnson. The Honble Tho. Mr. Hickey Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court Oliver Keens, esq one of the justices of the Fayette County Court & the Honorable Mayor of the City of Lexington to speak of his character as a man of veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Wm Palmeter

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. Charleton Hunt

Letter in folder dated June 12, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.26290, it appears that William Palmateer was born March 18, 1781, in Dutchess County, New York; about 1769, his father whose name is not given, moved to Ulster County, New York.

While residing in Ulster County, New York, said William Palmateer enlisted in April, 1779, and served eight months as a private in Captain Pierson's or Piercy's New York Company doing garrison duty in forts on the frontier.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 17, 1833, at which time he was living in Lexington, Kentucky.

He died in September 1839, in Madison Indiana, was buried in Lexington, Kentucky.

He married in Dutchess County, New York, when he was about twenty-five years of age, name of wife not stated, nor are there any further details as to said marriage.

He married March 21, 1837, in Lexington, Kentucky, Mary Ann Henry.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 17, 1855, at which time she was living in Fayette County, Kentucky, aged sixty years.

There is no reference to children.