

Pension Application for George Passage [Jr]

R.7989

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this the thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting George Passage—a resident of the town of Duanesburgh in said County & State, aged seventy one 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.

He was born in the city of Philadelphia in the County of [blank] in the state of Pennsylvania on the twelfth day of May 1761. He has no record of his age except [blank]

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in the town of Princetown in said county—and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said town of Princetown & he now lives in the town of Duanesburgh aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United Sates under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1778, he was enrolled as a private in Captain Abraham Oothout's (1) Company of militia in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. His other company and field officers whom he recollects were John Roseboom & Nicholas Barhydt (2), lieutenants, Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors. (3)

He was shortly after his enrollment ordered out with his company in an expedition to Beaverdam, and while his company was on parade, preparing to go to Beaverdam aforesaid, and said Colonel Wemple was reading to his Regiment his orders relative to said expedition, the claimant received a kick from the horse of one of the field officers of said regiment which broke two of his ribs, which injury rendered him unfit to do military duty till the ensuing spring.

In the fall of the year 1779, he was called out pursuant to a draft, and served in Captain Walter Vrooman's (4) company of Levies and marched to Schoharie where he performed garrison duty for the term of four weeks. In the fall of the year 1780 he was ordered out to Ballston (5) when that place was burnt by the British. In this expedition he served for the term of three weeks. In the year following he marched to Fort Hunter where he remained on duty for one week. He has also mounted guard at Schenectady on many occasions, the particular periods of which service he cannot call to mind, and was out on many alarms when it was reported that the enemy threatened an attack upon our frontiers. He was also out on undry occasions as a scout & Indian spy, & verily believes that the period for which he served in several expeditions and tours of duty in the garrison & in the field exceed nine months.

He was in no battles or skirmishes.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Those officers before named.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose affidavits accompany this declaration.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, land who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, John Titus, and Jerone Barhydt. (6)

Her hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name if not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) George Passage.

On this eleventh day of June 1833, personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for said county George Passage who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, and the said George Passage being duly sworn saith, that by reason of old age and the

consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the period mentioned below in the grade of a common soldier or private.

He performed garrison duty at Schoharie for the term of four weeks as particularly set forth in said declaration—at Ballston two weeks at Fort Hunter one week to the Herderbergs in pursuit of the enemy, on two occasions for the term of three days each time under Captain Oothout, and Sergeant John Wemple.(7) He has also on two occasions in addition to the one herein before enumerated, marched with a detachment of militia to Schoharie on alarm being raised that the enemy would attack that place, but the alarm subsiding he was ordered to Schenectady where he mounted guard on these last two occasions, he served at least two weeks in the whole. He mounted guard at Schenectady for the term of four weeks in succession under different officers whose names he cannot recollect. This deponent resided as before stated at Norman's Kill, and of consequence was not as often called upon to mount guard at Schenectady. He mounted guard every season at Norman's Kill about five miles from Schenectady at a pass there where the enemy were expected to make a descent—The period for which he thus mounted guard at Norman's Kill exceeds in the whole six weeks—The officers under whom he thus served at Norman's Kill under Derick Van Patten (8), Captain of the guard, and Frederick Weller (9), Sergeant—This deponent further saith, that in consequence of his injury he received while under arms about to depart in his expedition to Beaverdam, he was confined to his bed nearly ten months, and thus prevented from performing military duty—Unless the time he was thus unwell be allowed he cannot make out more than six months actual service for which he claims a pension. (Signed) George Passage.

Subscribed & sworn this 11 June before me John Cox, Justice Peace.

Reply to a letter of inquiry dated April 17, 1939.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to George Passage of Duanesburg, New York, who served in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, R.7989, based on the military service of George Passage.

George Passage was born May 12, 1761, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York, George Passage applied for pension on October 13, 1832. He stated that while residing at Princeton, New York, or at Norman's Kill, New York, he enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: in the spring of 1778 he enlisted in Captain Abraham Oothout's company in Colonel Abraham Wemple's regiment and shortly afterward, when about to start on an expedition with his regiment the horse kicked him and broke two ribs and he was rendered unfit for military duty until the next spring; in the fall of 1779 he served four weeks in Captain Walter Vrooman's company and did garrison duty at Schoharie Fort; in the fall of 1780 he served two weeks at Ballston under Major Monroe (10); in the following year he served one week at Fort Hunter, officers' names not given; he served two tours of three days each under Captain Oothout; he served on two occasions on alarms to Schoharie, two weeks in all; he served four weeks at Schoharie; he mounted guard every season at Norman's Kill, amounting in all to six weeks under Captain "Duick" Van Patten.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof that he rendered at least six months military service which was the minimum length of service that would entitle him to pension under the law.

The papers in said claim contain no data relative to the family of George Passage. No charge is made for furnishing this information.

End Notes—R.7989—George Passage [Jr]

1. Captain Abraham Oothout of Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia, Schenectady District. According to Captain Oothout's Certificate list, George Passage Jur notes number 31, quantity of notes 1 for £ 0..12..0 FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 170, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. The following were officers under Captain Oothout: John Roseboom as first lieutenant, Nicholas Barhydt as second lieutenant and Corenius VanSantvoord or Santfort as ensign.
3. Abraham Swits was first major and Myndert M. Wemple was the second major, both from Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
4. Walter Jacob Vrooman was the first lieutenant in Captain Jesse VanSlyck's Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment. In April of 1779, Vrooman was appointed as a lieutenant in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of New York State Levies. There are no known muster rolls for VanRensselaer's 1779 regiment of levies. George claimed to have served four weeks instead of nine months suggests that a detachment of militia went with Vrooman to Schoharie.
5. Ball's Town now present day Town of Ballston and the Village of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County were destroyed on October 17, 1780 by Captain John Munro.
6. Jerone Barhydt, Pension Application Number W.25200 relates service in Colonel Wemple's Regiment but so far as Jerone, Jeron, etc., Barhydt is not listed on any of the muster rolls or certificate rolls. A Cornelius VanDyck also submitted a deposition to prove George's service.
7. A Sergeant John Wemple of Captain Thomas B. Banker's Company in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
8. A Derick, Dirk or Richard VanPatten was not found serving in any capacity in Colonel Wemple's Regiment.
9. A private Frederick appears on the certificate list of Captain Oothout's.
10. It was Captain Munro who had burned ball's town and not that he served under Major Munroe. Major Swits actually commanded the detachment that George was in.
11. On a close examination of George's application it is definitely "Derick" not "Duick".