

Pension Application for John Pearson, or Pierson, or Peirson

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Letter in folder dated May 8, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of John Pearson who was killed in the battle of Brandywine.

The record of John Peirson is given herein as shown in the papers on file in bounty land claim based upon his service and death in the Revolutionary War.

John Peirson of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York, enlisted in the town of Saybrook, Connecticut, in February 1776, under recruiting sergeant, George Howell, and Lieutenant Edward Conklin, served as private in Captain Nathan Strong's company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's 4th New York regiment, and was shot in battle near Stillwater, shortly before the capture of General Burgoyne; the ball entered his right breast and was extracted from under his shoulder blade. He was carried to a barn where he died in four or five days; George Howell, referred to above, was with him when he expired and assisted in his burial.

In January 1806, soldier's brother, Samuel Peirson (as he signed his name), was a resident of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York. He applied then for bounty land in behalf of himself and the other heirs due on account of the service and death of John Peirson in the Revolutionary War. The other surviving heirs are shown then as follow: Joseph Hildreth, a nephew, of Goshen, Orange County, New York; John Hildreth, also of Southampton; Elias Peirson, also of Southampton, his guardian Daniel Sayre; Sylvanus (Silvanus) Culver; and Ruth Benjamin. The claim was allowed.

In 1854, Sylvanus Culver was the only surviving heir; he was then of Michigan. There are no further data relative to any of the family of the soldier, John Peirson, in this claim.