

Pension Application for Henry H. Peck or Peek

W.9219 (Widow: Elizabeth) Elizabeth Veeder and Henry H. Peck married October 1815. Henry died July 9, 1842.

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth 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 the said County now sitting Henry H. Peck a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County & State, aged sixty eight 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 Schenectady in the County of Schenectady in the State of N. York on the 18th day of April 1764, he has a record of his age in the Record of the Dutch Church Schenectady.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the Army of the revolution he as living in the City of Schenectady and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said City, and he now lives in said City of aforesaid. He entered the service of the United States under the following officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1780 he was enrolled in Captain John Mynderse's Company of Militia in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were Lawrence Mynderse & James H. Peck Lieutenants Abraham K. Truax Ensign, Abraham Myndert Wemple Majors.

He served in said company during one engagement from the year 1780 aforesaid until the end of said war. Schenectady was garrisoned and required constantly the services of the Militia of said regiment to guard the same. The claimant was actively employed in the mounting guard during the whole of said war at Schenectady aforesaid. When not called out in detachments of Militia from said regiment to the different posts & passes along the Mohawk River and in the Surrounding Country in more immediate danger of attacks from the enemy & the Invasions of the Indians and Tories.

He was often engaged in patrolling parties & marched to sundry places where Tories rendezvoused to capture or disperse them. He has performed Garrison duty not only at Schenectady aforesaid but also at the posts herein after specified the particular dates of these services or how long he served in each he cannot possibly recollect.

The principal expeditions in which he engaged were as follows.

Previous to his enrollment as aforesaid; to wit in the year 1779, in the fall of that year, he volunteered under the command of said Captain Mynderse in an expedition to Beaverdam, he took three prisoners with their baggage, and went in pursuit of others that escaped. On his return to Schenectady he mounted guard there under John J. Vrooman Captain of the guard.

He was called out and served under Colonel Harper & Lieutenant Hubbell of the State troops at the [Aelplaats?] with three Indians & five white men as scouts, watching for the tories Duncan, Waltmyre & Bettis.

He was called out as a scout and went in pursuit of Barney Kane a tory and on his return mounted guard under John J. Vrooman Captain of the guard.

In the year 1780, when the militia from Schenectady were called out to serve with the troops under General VanRensselaer against the enemy under Major Ross, he volunteered in Captain Crousehorn's company of Artillery from Schenectady aforesaid & served in this expedition about one month at Fort Plain & from thence marched to Fort Plank where he aided in burying the dead after the battle & guarded the farmers while bringing in their harvest.

He was in the battle at Johnstown in the fall of the year 1781 & went with a detachment in pursuit of Walter Butler.

By order of Colonel Wemple aforesaid he was sent to Albany with an Express to General TenBroeck.

He attended by order, at the hospital in Schenectady, under Doctor Van Ingen the surgeon of said Regiment, whole [cut off] Colonel Brown's soldier.

He was on duty at Fort Plain twice.

When Warrensbush was destroyed he marched with a detachment of militia to Schoharie but did not remain there on duty.

He has also engaged in several expeditions to Clifton Park, Heldebergh & c.

His memory does not serve sufficiently well to specify in detail all the different periods of his service as aforesaid. But the whole period for which he served his country during the war of the revolution in the garrison and in the field exceeds eighteen months.

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: Col Willet, Col. VanDyke, Col. Wemple, Major Swits, Genl Schuyler.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He had no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose depositions are hereto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, Joseph Peck, Simon A. Groot, Bartholomew Clute, and John J. Vrooman.

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) Henry H. Peck

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk