

Pension Application for Joseph Peck

R.8064

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this second January in the year of our Lord 1836 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the said County here now sitting at Ballston Spa, Joseph Peck of the Town of Milton in said County aged seventy two years, who being 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 the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

To the first & second questions prescribed by the Department of War.

He as answers and says in Courtlands Manor now Town of Courtland. He was born in Courtlands Manor, County of West Chester and State of New York November 13th 1763 and that the same is recorded in his Family Bible now in his wife's possession who lives in the Town of Saratoga Spring in said County with her relatives.

To the 3d question.

He answers and says. In Fishkill and Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] in the State of New York where he lived until 1787 when he moved to the County of Albany now Saratoga and State of New York and in the Town of Halfmoon is said county where he lived until about 5 years ago when he moved into Clifton Park an adjoining Town and from there to Milton about two years ago where he has lived ever since and where he now lives.

To the 4th question propounded. He answers and says.

In 1778 or 9 March where he this deponent lived at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York. A draft was called for, a part of Captain George Brinkerhoof's company of Infantry in Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoofs Regiment of New York Militia that Oliver O. Peck, father of the applicant was drafted for three months to serve in said Company that at the time and place aforesaid he this deponent entered the service of the United States, as a substitute for him the said Oliver peck, and served in the following manner thereof. The following named officers, Viz.

Lieutenant Henry Shults, and Lieutenant Samuel Osborn who were officers of the Guard, that according to orders by his officers, he repaired to the guard house near Fishkill Barracks, where he performed garrison duty as a private, that he performed duty in his regular turn; Colonel Bigalow in at the place and manner aforesaid for three months, a part of Colonel Bigaloes Regiment was there, and we were all under his command.

General McDougal was there with his aids occasionally, he General McDougal made his headquarters on Odell Hill.

At the expiration of the term aforesaid the Regiment was paraded, and dismissed by Companies by Colonel Bigalow, on the Parade ground near the Barracks, and he with his associates returned home.

His particular services were as follows, he stood on guard in his regular term, to guard the public Store & prisoners in the Picket Guard House and sometimes he stood guard at the officers' quarters in the Village of Town of FishKill, he at one times went to Crompond, with N. Parker after fat cattle by order of the commissary.

In the picket guard house, there were about 60 men, Continental and Militia, the Militia was about 30 men, under the immediate command of the said Lieutenant, Shults & Osborn, don't recollect the names of the officers over the Continental Soldiers of said Guard, George Brinkerhoof was Captain on Shultz & Osborn (Lieutenants, but was not in actual service, the foregoing 60 men were all the soldiers who did duty at the barracks aforesaid. He does not recollect the name or names of any other officers, than those named above and they are all dead. His Father, Oliver C. Peck is also dead.

In September 1779 or 80, when he this applicant resided in Fishkill aforesaid and was enrolled being over 16 years aged, in Captain George Brinkerhoof's Company of New York Militia when one fourth of said company was drafted, and he was drafted for three months in the first class and immediately repaired to the guard house near the Fishkill Barracks. William Swartwout, was Lieutenant, he served in manner following, he with other drafted soldiers & volunteers repaired to the north side of Southard's Bridge, having been warned to appear there by John Smith first Sergeant of said Company, being furnished with tents by the public. We pitched our tents in open Field; the Tent to which this applicant belonged contained eight persons, that is 7 besides deponent.

He recollects the following names out of the 7 to wit, the said Sergeant Smith. Martin Smith, Daniel Ferrel was Cook, Oliver Teller & Thomas Pine he served on guard in his regular turn, which was under the command of Subaltern officers, the aforesaid Lieutenant Swartwout was officer of the guard part of the time he thinks some other officers were on command sometimes, but does not recollect any other named, or names he served on guard at different Posts near the burying ground & at that place & some times at different Posts near the burying ground & at that place, & some times in Front of the officers' quarters he served in manner foresaid until the middle of November when for the convenience of Fuell [fuel] we removed about one mile W. N.W. on Doctor Osborn's Land, Pitched our Tents, promiscuously through the Forest, where we continued on duty in manner aforesaid until december [December], he this deponent having served as a private not less than three months, and was discharged verbally by the aforesaid Colonel Brinkerhoofs, that is to say, all the Militia which belonged to his Regiment which probably amounted to from 100 to 200 men who were called & paraded on the field near the woods; Sergeant Smith called the roll of the company under Capt. Brinkerhoof, when we were dismissed on Parade & permitted to return home, he this deponent having served as a private not less than the period above stated, he recollects the names of Major VanBenSchoaghton or Schoughton who commanded the right wing.

The Reverend Chancey Grayham was the only Chaplin, he does not recollect the name or names of any other officers who commanded where he served except those

named herein, nor does he know of any person or persons now living who can testify to his services aforesaid, or any part thereof except Amos Peck his brother who was young at the period aforesaid & now resides in the Town of Saratoga in this County & also his Brother Ira Peck who resides in Saratoga Spring in Saratoga County aforesaid.

In September 1781, when he this declarant resided in Fishkill aforesaid & belonged to Captain George Brinkerhoof's Company in Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoof's Regiment of Militia, that a call was made for the part of the men out of the Regiment aforesaid to go to guard the Posts at Fishkill. Peekskill & or at or near Kings Bridge to relieve the Continental Troops (as we were informed) were to leave there in order to attack New York, and the said Militia so called out to supply their places, in keeping guard over the public property, the call was made for three months but the Militia were retained only six weeks, Oliver Peck my Brother older than myself, was drafted & I served as his substitute under the immediate command of the aforesaid Captain Brinkerhoof, Lieutenant Benjamin Rosekrantz & Jno Smith Sergeant and served as a private in the following manner to wit at the time aforesaid my Father Oliver peck accompanied me to FishKill with 4 days provisions which he furnished & when this supply was exhausted [exhausted] we were supplied [supplied] with regular Rations from the public stores, when he served on guard in guarding the public stores & was in constant service & served as a private for at least six weeks.

There were about 100 Militia who served on guard as aforesaid officers and a Lieutenant whose name is not now recollected, as this deponent was never acquainted with him since nor before that time, the Continental Troops left the ground before our arrival, there were no other Troops except those stated above who served where he served during the period aforesaid.

He further states that by reason of odl 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 following grades.

To wit

In 1778 or 9 for 3 months I served as a private.

In 1779 or 80 for 3 months I served as a private.

In 1781 for 1 12 I served as a private.

7 mo 12 days. And served in manner stated in my declaration herewith, and for such service I claim a pension.

I further state that Colonel Brinkerhoof, Capt. Geo Brinkerhoof, Lieutenant Henry Shultz, and all the other officers under whom I served & the privates named are all dead as he is informed and verily believes.

He has no documentary evidence of his services aforesaid nor does he know of any persons, now living who can testify to his services except his Brother's Amos Peck & Ira Peck whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

[The rest of this part of the file is missing.]

5. To the question, state the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

He answers and says, he has answered herein to the best of his recollection.

6. To the question, did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

He answers and says that he received no written discharge from the service at any period of the Revolutionary War; but was dismissed from the service as herein stated.

To the 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He answers by stating the following names, Isaac E. Garnsey of Clifton Park, Abijah Peck, Seth W. Higgins, John P. Higgins, James Rosekrans.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.
(Signed) Joseph Peck

Subscribed and sworn the day and year aforesaid in open court. A. Goodrich
Clerk