

### **Pension Application for Christopher Peek or Christophel Peak**

W.16371 (Widow: Deborah) Christopher married Deborah Wemple Feb. 14, 1785. Christopher died April 27, 1827.

The deposition of Joseph Peek of the City of Schenectada in the County of Schenectada and State of New York, who testifies and says that he was in the years 1779 & 1780 during the war of the revolution, Captain of the company of Batteauman, Fatiguelman, and Laboress [sic] in the Quarter Master Generals Department of the United States. That Christopher Peek the same person referred to and described in the proceeding depositions was during the war of the revolution in the year 1777 on duty in the Department of the QuarterMaster General aforesaid at Stillwater and Bemis's Heights In the capacity of a QuarterMaster and knows that he served on this occasion as such for the term of at least three weeks—but how much longer the said Christopher Peek served as such QuarterMaster this deponent cannot say. (Signed) Joseph Peek.

The deposition of Simon J. Vrooman of Oswego in the State of New York (now In the City of Schenectada) aged seventy nine yeas who testified and saith that he receives a pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, having been a private soldier and Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. That during said war the place of his residence when not with the army was the (said City, then) township of Schenectady, and he then became acquainted with many of the inhabitants of said township and among the rest with Christopher Peek in behalf of whose widow application is now being made for a pension under the act of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838.

During the years 1775 and 1776, this deponent's father Jacob Vrooman, Nicholas or Claus Veeder and others were Captains of Companies of Carpenter and did service in the Quartermasters Department under General Schuyler and the Deputy Quarter General for the time being. In the year 1775 said Companies were engaged in building boats and doing other fatigue duty at Ticonderoga and in that neighborhood preparatory to the then contemplated invasion of Canada and in the year 1776, at Whitehall and other places performing similar duties.

In the first or second week of March 1777 he this deponent commenced service under Colonel Christopher Yates Deputy QuarterMaster general and continued to serve until October in the year last m=named, or for the term of nearly seven months, at Fort Ann, Stillwater, and with Major General Arnold's division of the Mohawk Valley and was during this term of his service all the time actively engaged as assistant to said Colonel Yates and took part in several skirmishes with the enemy.

In the forepart of the summer of the year 1778, he served for two months and more under said Colonel Yates at Saratoga and elsewhere, and during these two terms of his service last named he was under the immediate command of said Yates.

In the summer of the year 1778 he this deponent engaged in an expedition to the middle fort of Schoharie and performed garrison duty there at least four weeks, with a detachment of Militia from said township under command of Colonel Abraham Wemple, Captain John Myderse and Lieutenant James H. Peck.

In the spring of the year 1779 he again performed a tour of duty in the Department of the QuarterMaster General at Saratoga under the immediate command of said Colonel Yates, for the term of at least four weeks. In the summer of the year last named he did the like duty under Colonel Yates at Canajoharie and Lake Otsego for at least four weeks.

In the fall of the year 1778 he served with the Schenectada Militia at Fort Herkimer for the term of four weeks under the immediate command of James H. Peck Lieutenant.

In the fall of the same year he, this deponent did garrison duty at Fort Paris in stone Arabia for the term of three months under the immediate command of Captain John Mynderse and Lieutenant James H. Peck of the Schenectada Militia.

In the forepart of the summer of the year 1780 he this deponent marched with a detachment of Militia to Beaverdam in pursuit of one Captain Pall and 50 of Butler's Rangers and took two men prisoners. Major Wemple had command of this expedition and the term of this tour was two or three days.

A few days thereafter he marched with a like detachment under command of Lieutenant James H. Peck Captain John Mynderse and others to a place Southwest fop Albany and served in this last named tour, two or three days.

In his capacity as a private afterwards as a Lieutenant of the New York levies or State Troops he served for the months of June, July, and August 1780. He was then attached to Malcolm's Regiment, and five weeks thereafter to Lewis Dubois' Regiment, Captain John Burnet. During this term he marched upon the Mohawk Valley to Fort Plain, Albany, West Point, Fishkill and Dobb's Ferry. He was ordered by Colonel Malcolm to remain on duty after three months, the term of his engagement had expired and he did remain on duty accordingly for one month and two weeks, until relieved by Captain Dunscomb and Lieutenant Freligh.

In the year 1781 he this deponent served as first Lieutenant in the Company of Captain Lawrence Gross, Timothy second Lieutenant for the term of nine months in the counties of Tryon and Herkimer from April to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

He this deponent has thus given a brief detail of his services for the sake of more ready reference to those of said Christopher Peek and according to the best of his recollection said Christopher Peek, did serve in the expedition up the valley of the Mohawk in the year 1782 in the state troops under command of Lt Colonel Marinus Willett for the term of at least nine month. This deponent did not serve during said year, but he remembers will that said Christopher Peak did serve as aforesaid in the capacity of Lieutenant – said captain Gross did not serve in the year 1782, & This deponent cannot say what Captain said Christopher Peek, served under but thinks it was Captain Gray or Young.

This deponent also recollects that said Christopher Peek serve d till the end of the was in 1783, but cannot specify the particulars of his service in 1783, but knows he was an officer & a Lieutenant or Ensign. This deponent is also well acquainted with Debora, the widow of said Christopher knew her during her coventure? Or while

she was the wife of said Christopher Peek & since the death of said Christopher. She has remained single and Unmarried.

(Signed) S.J. Vrooman

Subscribed & sworn this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839 before me & I certify that said Simon J. Vrooman is a credible witness. Roswell Perry. J.P.