

Pension Application for Peter Fero

R.3511

Dedication in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this sixth day of February 1834 personally Appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas of the said County now sitting Peter Fero a resident of the town of Hornby in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy five 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 7, 1832.

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

That he was born in the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the 15th day of February 1759, that he has no record of his age except a memorandum in his bible –that he was residing about four miles from the City of Albany in the County of Albany when his brother Henry Fero was drafted as a private in Captain Lansing’s Company in Philip Schuyler’s regiment that this was in [the] month of April and in the year 1781 as this deponent thinks but is not sure his memory being frail & having nearly lost the service.

That his brother procured this deponent to go as his substitute and that as such he went that he joined said company in the City of Albany and a few days after which he with said company marched to Saratoga—that they there met Captain Henry Ostrom’s Company. That Captain Ostrom’s and Captain Lansing’s company were stationed there under the command of Philip Schuyler that they stayed at Saratoga four months.

That during that time nothing transpired to them, that after being there four months they received news that the Tories and Indians were moving towards German Flatts and they under the command of Colonel Philip Schuyler marched towards fort Dayton to Join Colonel Willet who was there stationed and to assist him in opposing the Tories and Indians – that before they arrived at Fort Dayton they met Colonel Willet on his way to Albany with Tories & Indians he had made prisoners—That they went on to Fort Dayton & then continued under the command of Colonel Willet for two months to Albany with the prisoners but sent a guard—

General Gansevoort was at Fort Dayton where this deponent arrived there. That at the end of the two months Captain Ostrom’s & Lansing’s companies went under the command of Colonel Schuyler to Schenectady and were there billeted out for three weeks—that said companies under Colonel Schuyler from thence marched to the Beavertdams, where they took fifty Tories & some families and brought them to Albany. That they were engaged about two weeks in that expedition.

That said companies were discharged after they arrived at Albany and went to their respective houses—that this deponent was during all the said time with said Lansing’s Company –

That all his service amounted to seven & a half months that he has no documentary evidence or knows of no person who can testify to his services.

That this deponent's memory is frail & that minute particulars he does not recollect that after his discharge he returned to his residence in Albany County and there resided for twenty years; from thence he moved to Charlston Montgomery County and there resided until he moved to Hormby in Steuben County aforesaid and was there resided for thirteen years.

That Andrew B. Dickinson and Samuel Oldfield are his neighbors and can testify to his character for truth & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes very claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Peter Fero

Sworn & subscribed this 6th day of February 1834. Wm H. Bull Clerk of Steuben Com. Pleas