

Pension Application for Isaac Peterson

S.14163

Declaration, in order to obtain the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS

On this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the county of Saratoga and State of New York now sitting, Isaac Peterson a resident of the Town of Malta in the County of Saratoga, and State of New York, aged seventy 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, and served as herein stated.

He was born in the City of New York in the State of New York January 5th 1762 recorded in the English Church Book of records in the City of New York.

He is known to Rev. Abijah Peck of Clifton Park, Elder Swanson of the town of Malta, and Eli Foster in the County of Saratoga and State of New York and to Matthias Swain and to William Gleason & Palmer Cady, Esquires of the town of Malta, in the County & State aforesaid who can certify to his character for veracity & then belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier.

He visited in the City of Albany & State of New York when he enlisted & entered into the service of the Revolution for the term of Nine months & served as a private soldier from the [blank] day of March 1776 until the day of December 1776 that he enlisted at the City of Albany aforesaid on the [blank] day of March 1776 under Captain Isaac Seaman of the American Navy, commander of the Mariah a six gun schooner in the American Fleet on Lake Champlain commanded by [?] Wyunkoop of Albany that immediately after his said enlistment he with other enlisted soldiers marched from Albany to Fort George under the immediate command of the said seaman continued there some day s& were & went in Batteaus to Skeensborough and there entered on board of the said Schooner Mariah under the said Capt Seamon that he was ordered by the captain to attend as a cabin boy and he served and did duty as such on board of said Schooner until the expiration of nine months and that he was honorably discharged on board of said schooner signed by Capt. Seamon his discharge long since lost he has no documentary or any other evidence of his said services that after receiving his said discharge he was set on shore at Schenenboroug and returned home to Albany.

That he resided at Albany aforesaid when he was drafted for 4 months in Capt William Hanns [Humm, or Hamm?] company of Albany Militia in the regiment of Colonel Lansing in May 1777 and served until September following as a private soldier in manner following that immediately after he was drafted he with other drafted soldiers marched under the said Captain Hamm from Albany to Fort George in order to keep garrison continued there until Ticonderoga was given up to Burgoyne and then

returned with the American military stores to Fort Edward and from there to Snookshill and there built a big breast work but soon were obliged to retreat from that to Fort Miller and there made a short stand from there to Saratoga and continued there until 4 months was fully expired & was dismissed by Capt. Humm at Saratoga no document or any other evidence of his services, several Continental Regiments arrived at Saratoga a few days before our time was expired, General Glover's Brigade was there 1778 at Albany he enlisted for four months under Capt Stephen Lusk of the company of Albany Militia raised in order to keep garrison at Albany to guard the City and guard the prisoners in the Fort and that he served as a private in said Fort and on guard through the City until 4 months was expired at Albany discharged by Capt. Lush lost.

That he resided at the City and County of Albany in the State of New York when he entered into the service of the Revolutionary War, as a volunteer under Captain Volkert [Peterson?] of the Militia of Albany in the State of New York, being a company raised in order to go on the western expedition against the Indians & Tories under the command of Geo. Clinton that he entered the service at the City of Albany aforesaid for seven months from the day of June [blank] until the [blank] day of January following in manner following that he immediately after his said enlistment marched from Albany with the company to which he belonged under the command of the said Captain Deruve to Conajoharry on the Mohawk west of Schenectady & from there Batteus to Otsego Lake by land and waited there for the troops to arrive under Genl Clinton, then loaded into the boats the military stores for the expedition and convoyed them down the western branch of the Susquehannah River to the Forks of the Delaware, the army marched by land, under Genl Clinton Colonel Gansevoort & Colonel Willet. Dowe A. Fonda was Adjutant to Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment, continued at the Fort some days, then he the Army [sic] marched to Miamee, the Military stores continued & were conveyed in the Boats as before. That he continued to serve until the full period of his engagement was expired & was dismissed by the Captain Devue at the Miames, he has not documentary evidence of his said services, nor any other evidence thereof.

That during the Revolutionary War he resided at the City of Albany and State of New York that immediately after the said war he removed to the Town of Halfmoon in said County (now Saratoga) & continued to reside there until he removed to the Town of Malta in the said County of Saratoga about twenty years ago where he now resides. Thomas Palmer, Clerk of the court.

In answer to the above question he states that he was born in the City of New York in the State of New York January 5th 1762. His age is recorded in the English Church Book of record in the City of New York & at the time he entered the service above mentioned he resided in the City of Albany in the State of New York, after the war in the County of Saratoga at Clifton or Halfmoon until 1812 since which time he has continued to reside in that said County. Some of the time enlisted, sometimes volunteered & sometime was drafted.

He states the names of Col. Gansevoort, Col. Butler, Dowe I. Fonda.

Letter in folder dated August 17, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, relative to the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14183, of Isaac Peterson, the post office address of his widow Esther is not on record.

The amount due from Sept. 4, 1835 to Oct 13, 1835, the date of his death was paid by Treasury Settlement dated Oct 23, 1838 to Aaron Nash, attorney for the widow Esther, neither the address of attorney or widow are stated. The pensioner resided at Malta, Saratoga Co., N.Y.