

Pension Application for William Peters

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B.L.Wt.1683-150-Ensign. Issued Feb. 15, 1796. No papers.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this Seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared (at his residence in the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia & State aforesaid) before me Abraham P. Holdridge, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Columbia in the State aforesaid William Peters known tome to be a resident of the said town of Chatham in the County of Columbia & State of New York aged eighty one years on the tenth day of August last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, to wit:

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1779 in the month of June or July in said year into the regiment of New York Continental troops commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland.

That he was thus enlisted by Lieutenant Christopher Hutton at Kinderhook in said County of Columbia, and that afterwards during his service in the army he served under said Lieut. Christopher Hutton—Captain Henry Pawling & various other officers of said Regiment—

And declarant further saith that upwards of twenty years ago he had an attack of the Typhus Fever from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered, and that since that time his mind has been much impaired and his memory exceedingly treacherous.

That on this account he finds it difficult to give a full and connected account of revolutionary services.

Altho some of the more prominent circumstances are still clear in his recollection to wit that after his said enlistment he marched with; said regiment to White Plains and from thence passed over into New Jersey where they afterwards went into winter quarters at New Brunswick. That during the most of the next year (1780) declarant was on duty with said Regiment in said State of New Jersey moving from place to place and engaged in the various duties which occurred during said year (1780) until the army went into winter quarters.

That early in the summer of (1781) this declarant was duly commissioned an Ensign in said Regiment of Colonel Philip VanCortland and that he afterwards served as ensign in the company of Captain Henry Pawling and that he continued in said Regiment until the end of the war and that he was discharged early in the year 1782.

And this deponent further states that he retained his said commission in his possession until a few years since, when having become embarrassed in his circumstances, his person property was sold on execution, and among other things a

chest containing old papers, among other things a chest containing old papers among which was said commission as his deponent believes, and that since said sale he has never been able to recover the possession of said commission.

And this declarant further saith that during his said service as Ensign he was often employed to perform the duties of Adjutant to said regiment on account of his then writing a good hand and declarant verily believes that some of his writing must still remain upon the Rolls of said Regiment, and if so he requests that it may be compared with some specimens of his writing annexed to this declaration in order to determine his identity.

And declarant further states that he was born at Nine Partners in the county of Dutchess and State of New York on the tenth day of August (1762) seventeen hundred & sixty two as he has been informed & believes.

That his Father moved his family to the town of Kinderhook when declarant was a young lad a number of years previous to the war of the Revolution and that this declarant was still residing in that part of Kinderhook now called Stuyvesant when enlisted as aforesaid by said Lieutenant Hutton.

And declarant further saith that shortly after the pension law was first passed he applied to Ebenezer Wadsworth who was then living at Brainard Bridge for assistance in procuring a pension.

That after Wadsworth had been engaged for some time and had accomplished nothing he was advised that said Wadsworth was not a faithful and responsible agent. That afterwards this declarants son who was then living near him in the County of Rensselaer undertook the applicant and so the matter rested for a number of years until the death of his said son about four years ago. That declarant having become very ;much reduced in his circumstances and being very old and infirm about two years ago employed John J. VanBuren Esquire then a Justice of the peace in the town of Chatham to make application for a pension, but that said VanBuren has not as this declarant is informed and believes made any application for said pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Wm Peters.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and yea aforesaid before me at the residence of said William Peters. Abraham P. Holdridge, First Judge of Columbia County Courts.