

Pension Application for Peter Scisim or Sisim or Scism, Kism, or Cism, Chism

R.9284 (Widow: Margaret or Peggy)
State of New York
Columbia County

On this thirty first day of July 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Hudson, Peter Scisim Jun. and made the following amendment to his application for a pension.

That he entered the service as a private being a substitute for a class as named in his declaration on the first of March 1780 the engagement was for nine months, which nine months he served and was discharged the first of December 1780. That he cannot state anything farther than has already been stated in his declaration. (Signed with his mark) Peter Scisim, Jun.

Subscribed & sworn to this 31st July 1833 before me. J. McCagg Justice of Justice Court

State of New York
Columbia County SS.

On this 14th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice Court in the City of Hudson in the County and State aforesaid, now sitting Peter Scism In a jurisdiction of the Town of Taghkanick, 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 7th 1832.

Says that he is Sixty Eight years of age that he was born in the month of November 1764, in the Town of Livingston in the County of Columbia and State of New York. I first entered the service as a substitute at the Town then called Nobletown in the County & State aforesaid. On the first of March 1780 at that time the inhabitants were classed, each class of six to furnish a man. I went for a class consisting of Edward O. King, Archer McCarthy, and the other names I do not recollect as it was not my native town I only having gone into that Town to work. The town is now called Hillsdale. My captain's name was Christopher Miller (1), Lieutenant Shirts (2), Ensign Peter Soop. We were marched some distance down the river and put on board of a Sloop or Vessel and taken to Verplanks Point on the Hudson River and remained there or near there some time and was then ordered to a place called Dobb's ferry and after remaining there some time, and then on the captain of Andee [sic] we were marched to West Point. I was on guard on the day Andre (3) was hung. I do not recollect the Colonel's name neither the Major's neither do I think we remained all the time under our set of [?] Officers. I think one adjutant's name was Fonda (4), we were nine months (5) men after the Hanging of Andre we were taken across the river to some Barracks that had been previously built where we were encamped until the first of December 1780 when I was discharged in wrighting [sic] by my captain which discharge has long been lost. I have no record of my age and only recollect it as I heard it from my mother who died six years since.

Immediately after the expiration of my nine months I returned to my former house where I remained a few months and then went out to work and have continued to do so ever since the most of the time in the County of Columbia and state of New York. I cannot now state the name of a single Regular officer or Regiment who served where I did I might state the names of Washington and many others whom I probably saw but cannot swear positively that I did.

The persons in my neighborhood who can testify to my character for Truth and veracity and their belief in my Revolutionary Service are [Friend?] Shelden Esqr. Henry Avery Esqr, John Bain Esqr, all Justices of the Peace. Isaac Schulden Supervisor of the Town of Taghcanick in the County & State aforesaid in which Town I also reside. Also Colonel George J. Roseman & Dudrick Miller. That he has no living witness whose testimony he can procure and that he has no documentary evidence. That the clergyman now settled in the Town where he resides has only been settled there a short time and consequently knows nothing about is revolutionary service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that is name is not on on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Peter Scisim (6)

Sworn & Subscribed to in open court the day & year first above mentioned. John D. Park, Clk.

End Notes—R-9284—Peter Schism

1. Peter (on muster roll his surname is given as Chism) enlisted on July 27, 1780 as a private for 3 months in Captain Christopher Muller's Company in colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 75, National Archives, Washington D.C.
2. Lieutenant Shirts and Ensign Peter Soop are unknown as they were not part of Graham's Regiment. Peter Soop could be Peter Loop who served in Lieutenant-Colonel commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies as a Lieutenant in 1781. Loop did not serve in Graham's Regiment. The officers who served under Captain Muller were Lieutenants Jeremiah Muller, John Ostrander, and Daniel Leroy.
3. Major John Andre was hung as a spy on October 2, 1780.

4. Jellis A. Fonda served as a lieutenant in Captain Jacob Lansing's Company in Colonel Graham's Regiment. Lieutenant Fonda was also the adjutant for this regiment.
5. This regiment was raised only for 3 months not nine months. According to Captain Muller's Muster Roll for July 27 to August 31, 1780, Peter is listed as "sick present". This roll was dated "Camp at Albany Sept. 9, 1780." The second muster roll has Peter as "sick at Albany" dated "Schenectada Oct. 26th 1780". The company was discharged on October 27, 1780 at Schenectady. His pension application was rejected as he did not prove six months service which was one of many requirements for a pension.
6. Peter's widow, Margaret applied for a widow's pension on March 29, 1853. She stated Peter died on October 6, 1835, and that they were married in 1792 in the Town of Colebrook, Litchfield County, Connecticut by Mr. Rockwell a Justice of the Peace. Their first child was born August 19, 1792 and died at the age of four months. The second child Elizabeth was born at Taghcanick, Columbia County, New York on February 23, 1794. Elizabeth later married Peter Hagedorn of Claverack.