

Pension Application for Peter Snyder

R.9926

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Peter Snyder a resident of the town of Glenville in said county, 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 the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He the declarant was born on the tenth day of October 1763 in the town of Claverack in the County of Columbia in said State. He believes there is a record of his age on the books of the Dutch Church in said town. When called into the service of the United States in ;the army of the revolution he was living in said town of Claverack—After the revolutionary war he lived in the same place until about forty years ago when he moved to Bern in Albany County where he remained about fourteen years, thence he moved to Southhill, Otsego County and from thence he moved to said County of Schenectady & he now lives in the town of Glenville in said County of Schenectady.

It generally happened that persons over 21 years of age or of middle age joined the regular army or served in distant expeditions against the enemy, while those advanced in years & under 21 years of age were required to protect the lines & passes in the vicinity of the places where they lived—In the year 1779 in the fall of that year, the declarant with a detachment of militia from his beat, were stationed along the frontier posts of said County of Columbia. He was then under the command of Captain Henry Platter or Plattiner—the names of his other officers he cannot now recollect. In this engagement he was under arms for the term of at least two months.

In the summer of the year following if this declarant's memory serves him right, a party of disaffected persons called tories made a descent upon Claverack & Committed depredations of the most alarming nature. He the declarant was then enrolled in a company of militia commanded by Captain George Phillips of which company Michael Hess was Lieutenant 7 Jacob Castleton Ensign—Colonel Henry VanRensselaer Commandant of the Regiment. In or with this Company he the declarant went in pursuit of the depredators—and on this occasion was under arms nearly the whole summer, among other places they marched to a place called "Tuckornook" in Livingston's Manor where they took part of the predatory party of the enemy before spoken of prisoners, the rest having escaped the vigilance of the Americans & fled to Canada. In this last engagement he served for a term exceeding two months. Congress Store & arsenal was kept about nine miles from this place where the declarant lived viz where the City of Hudson is located. From the first of December in the year last named, until some time in the month of March of the year following, he the declarant served with a detachment from said company of Captain George Phillips & mounted guard at said arsenal, being under arms on this occasion for a term exceeding three months.

Predatory incursions were often made by parties of the enemy on Claverack & Hudson, which rendered it necessary to have the places guarded for three years in succession. He the declarant performed his quota of duty with the other militia men of his beat in guarding the lines along the Hudson river, in addition to the tours before specified for a period in the aggregate which this declarant cannot positively state—and this declarant accordingly claims a pension only for seven months services as a private soldier—He the declarant was in no battles or skirmishes during said war except one which took place on the occasion of the apprehension of the depredators aforesaid.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Those before mentioned; he can recollect no others.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. Wessell H. Wessels, and Cornelius S. Conde.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark)
Peter Snyder

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman.

Letter in file dated January 12, 1931.

You are herewith furnished the history of Peter Snyder, the only soldier of that name who served with the New York Troops.

It appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.9926, that Peter Snyder was born October 10, 1763 in Claverack, Columbia County, New York. His birth was recorded on the records of the Dutch Church in said Claverack.

After the Revolution, he lived in Claverack, New York, for forty years, then moved to Berne, Albany County, New York, lived there for fourteen years, then moved to South-hill, Otsego County, New York, and then to Schenectady County, New York.

While living in Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, he applied for pension October 10, 1834, and stated that while residing in Claverack, New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1779, and served two months as a private in Captain Michael Horton's Company, Colonel VanRensselaer's New York Regiment; that he again enlisted in the following Summer, served two months as a private in Captain George Phillips' Company, Colonel Henry VanRensselaer's New York Regiment, and went on an expedition against the Tories; that he enlisted in December, 1780, and served over three months in Captain George Philips' New York Company, and guarded an arsenal about nine miles from his home in Claverack; that he also served other tours as a guard along the Hudson River, dates and officers names not given.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish satisfactory proof of the alleged service.

In 1836, he was residing in Watervliet, Albany County, New York.

It is not stated that soldier was ever married.