

Pension Application for Peter Tappen

S.42455

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State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty in the County of Ulster and State of New York before the Judges of the said Court being a Court of record according to the Common Law with a Clerk and a Seal Peter Tappen aged fifty five years in October last a resident of the Town of Mabletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York aforesaid who being duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as a Lieutenant in Capt. Machin's Company in the [blank] Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. John Lamb and that not long after the fourth day of June 1818 he forwarded his commission to the War Office at Washington and that he hath received a pension in conformity to the law of the United States of the 18th March 1818 by orders of a certificate received from J. C. Calhoun Sec'y at War No.839. And thereupon the said Peter Tappen in open Court now here made the following oath to wit.

I Peter Tappen do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818,. And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any—property or securities contracts or debts due me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. (Signed) Peter Tappen

A lot of Land supposed to contain about four Acres with a small dwelling house frame Barn and Hatter Shop, containing the following hatter tools one small plank kettle one coloring kettle 2 sad irons one bason one stamper one tank two brushes, a number of old fashioned hat blocks of little value one small box stove nine bows two pails. Household furniture to wit six common chairs one table one stand one small looking glass two sad irons two small iron kettles one iron tea kettle three large plates six small [?] Tumblers—one earthen pitcher one tin skimmer two stone jars 2 or 3 jugs one churn one tin pail eight bails 2 flour casks one bran box five pint tin basons one Ink bottle 3 ho[?] one ax one nail hammer one auger ten fowls and some chickens five pigs books—on Bible one psalm books & some pamphlets. My dues are. On note of hand drawn by William Walker in favor of Christopher Tappen or bearer fro one hundred twenty three dollars and twenty four cents with interest dated 27 May 1809 with a [?] document of sixty dollars paid, one other note for one hundred three dol'r twenty four cents also drawn by Wm. Walker to Ch. Tappen or bearer, which said notes were given by the said Ch. Tappen to Peter Tappen and whereof owing to the

limited circumstances of said Walker he considers the collection thereof doubtful. One other note of hand drawn by Mcfield for ix Doll'r one dr for 2 doll'r.

My debts I cannot now precisely ascertain but the whole amount is not less than two hundred and fifty dollars including a judgment which I consider unrighteous for sixty doll'r or upwards.

The deponent also saith that his occupation, for some years has been that of a farmer that he has by adverse circumstances been deprived of all his property excepting what is specified in the above schedule as still in his possession and owing to the infirmities of age and the effects of accident he hath very little means of consisting to the support of himself and family except what the aforesaid but may produce the cultivation of which is his occupation at present.

That he hath six children two constantly residing with him a daughter aged about twenty four years who is enabled to discharge the necessary duties of the family and a son aged about 15 years who is still at School.

And the deponent considers that without the aid of his Country he cannot comfortably support himself and family. (Signed) Peter Tappen

Sworn to and declared on the fifth day of July 1820 in open Court Lucas Elmendorf first Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.42455, it appears that Peter Tappen was commissioned, August 20, 1781, Second Lieutenant and served in Captain Thomas Machin's Company, Colonel John Lamb's Regiment of Artillery and was discharged in the fall of 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 1, 1818, at which time he was living in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York.

In July 1820 he stated that he was aged "fifty-five years in October last", and referred to six children, two residing with him, a daughter aged twenty-four years and a son, aged fifteen years, the only name given was Charles D.W. Tappen.

The name of his wife is not given.