

Pension Application for Peter Terbush or Bush

W.16985 (Widow: Sarah) They married September 1768. Peter died Aug 29, 1831.
June the 28 1769 then was my son Levi Born
June the 24 then was my daughter Natrina born in the year of our Lord 1772?
July the 25 then was my son Richard born in the year of our Lord 1773.
June the 24 then was my son [Garbert?] born in the year of our Lord 1775.
August the 24 then was my son Francis born in the year of our Lord 1777.
September the 4 then was my son John J. born in the year of our lord 1779.
August the 10 then was my son Peter born in the year of our Lord 1781.
October the 10 then was my son Peter born in the year of our Lord 1781.
October the 8 then was my daughter Rachel born in the year of our Lord 1783.
[?] 8 then was my son [Hend?] born in the year of our Lord 1786?
May 13, 1788 then was my daughter Mary born.
The last one was born 1790, can't make it out.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Bush or TerBush for a pension under the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

Albany January 31, 1844.

Sir,

Since completing the within papers I have been informed by our notable Dutch Citizen, the Hon'r Harmanus Bleecker that Ter in the above name TerBush is nothing but a prefix signifying "from the" or "the Bush", from which I suppose we may infer that the Bush family were originally from the rural districts. I have obtained a number of papers (herewith submitted together with the affidavit of Justus Traverse) which show that the applicants husband was equally known by the name of Bush & TerBush.

The widow declares that her husband served five months in 1776 under Colonel Swartwout Capt Scheneck; three months in 1777 under Capt John Wilson (in the capacity she thinks of an orderly sergeant) & that afterwards he served upon many occasions under Capt Brinckerhoff & col. Hopkins. Mr. Yates of Schenectady informed me that TerBush's name appears upon the rolls of Col. Swartwout which he forwarded to you two or three years ago & which are on file in your office. Richard TerBush (applicants oldest child) testifies that he remembers his father serving under Capt. Brinckerhoff & that he has often heard him speak of serving five months in 1776 under Col Swartwout. I am very Respectfully your [??] servt. Wm. B. Pierce
To Hon'l J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pension.