

Pension Application for Adam Walter

R.11099 (Widow: Elizabeth or Mariah)
State of New York
Onondaga County SS.

On this 11 day of Sept'er 1832 personally appeared in open court before Daniel Mosely Vice Chancellor at a Court of Chancery for the State of New York, now sitting at Onondaga, Adam Walter a resident of the town of Manilus County of Onondaga, and State of New York, aged seventy nine years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered as a volunteer, in the early part of the month of April 1777, in Captain Loucks (1) Company, Col. Clocks Regiment, of the New York Militia, and was during that summer stationed at Fort Herkimer, Fort Dayton and other places on the Mohawk River and was employed in Scouting parties against the British Indians, and Tories. In the month of August (2), or September of that year was in the Battle near Oriskany Creek under General Herkimer (3); who was killed by a wound in that Battle, after wards was sent to Stillwater near the Hudson River, went about that time with a part of the company to which he belonged to Albany having Charge of Some Tories taken on the Mohawk River after that joined the Army at Stillwater was with the company under Captain Loucks (4) on their march between Saratoga and Schenectady in the month of October when General Burgoyne (5) was taken was discharged in the early part of the winter having served for nine months as near as he can recollect.

In the early part of the month of April 1779, 1779 [sic] again volunteered under Captain John Cosselman (6), in Col. Clock's Regiment of the New York Militia for nine months, and was stationed as before, at Stone Arabia, Fort Herkimer and other places along the valley of the Mohawk was in the Battle at Stone Arabia (7) in the month of August. Thinks the Americans were commanded by Col. Brown (8), who was killed there, that the British Indians & Tories were commanded by Col. Butler (9) & Major Ross, knew Col. Henry Van Rensselaer (10), who was in that service. The same day there was a Battle near Col. Clock's House (11), was discharged when winter set in, lived at the time of his entering into the service at Stone Arabia, Montgomery County. The next year and every year until the close of the war this applicant lived in Stone Arabia and was subject to frequent, calls into the service, and went very frequently on Scouting parties, some times for two or three days, and at others for a week or more being subject to Continual dangers from the Tories & Indians who were constantly around them, and that during the years 1780, & 1781, this applicant was in the service of the United States for the defence of the inhabitants on the Mohawk River, both winter & summer for more than three months in each year, although not regularly enlisted for any fixed tour of time in those years, yet he always volunteered when soldiers, were wanted for any scouting parties, or other purposes of defence. That this applicant was born on the 15th day of April [May written about the word April] 1753 in Frederick County in the State of Maryland has no record of his age, was living when called into the service at Stone Arabia Montgomery County State of New York continued, to live at that place, until 1802 when he moved to Manlius County of Onondaga State New York where, he now lives always went voluntarily into the service. Does not recollect ever having, a written discharge, has no documentary evidence or proof of his services except what is hereunto annexed. That the names of the persons with whom he is acquainted, and who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief, in his services as a Soldier of the Revolutionary war Allen Breed & George Rancier.

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) Adam Walter
Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid D. Mosely. Circuit Judge Vice Chancellor.

In pursuance of a law passed the 27th of April 1784, entitled "An act for the settlement of the pay of the Levies and Militia, for their service in the late War, and for other purposes therein mentioned," the following certificates have been issued, bearing interest at five per cent per annum, viz:

17th Augt 1779—Adam Walter Priv. £ 4. 0. 0
31st Decr Do---Do—Do £0. 19. 6[?]
31st Dec Do---Do—Do £0. 14. 2
1st Sept 1780 Adam Walter Do £4. 17. 9 1/2
31st Decr 1782 Adam Walter Do £1. 12. 0

State of New York, Comptroller's Office, Albany Mar. 28th 1844.

I hereby certify the above true extracts from book no. 1 & 4 now remaining in this office, and that the service for which the certificates above named were issued, were performed under the following officers viz:

First—under Capt. Henry Miller(12) in Col. Jacob Klock Regt.
Second under Capt. Do [ditto] in Do Regt.

Third under Capt. John Cayser in Col. Peter Waggoner Regt. (13)
Fourth under Capt. Henry Miller in Col. Jacob Klock Regt.
Fifth under Capt. Do in Col. Peter Waggoner Regt. Signed Philip Phelps, Dep. Comptroller

State of New York
Madison County SS.

Mary Watts being duly sworn deposes and says that she is the sister to Adam Walter deceased and I was present and saw said Adam Walter married to Elisabeth Hurtick on the eighth day of August in the year of our Lord on thousand seven hundred and ninety. (14) That she was acquainted with said Elisabeth Hurtick previous to her marriage and has been acquainted with her ever since such marriage. That said Elisabeth Hurtick was married to said Adam Walter in the presence of deponent on the day aforesaid by a Mr. Peak (15) at Stone Arabia in said state of New York. Deponent further says that she was present at the funeral of said Adam Walter and from what was said by the family at the time and from the best information and belief of deponent said Adam Walter died on the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, from a stoppage of the blood in the main artery, deponent further says that she is still acquainted with said Elisabeth and that to the best of deponents knowledge and belief said Elisabeth has not intermarried since the death of said Adam Walter and is still the widow of said Adam deponent further says that she has frequently heard said Adam in his life time say that he was in the nine months service in the Revolutionary service, and that was common[ly] report[ed] that he was in such service. And further she says not. (Signed with her mark) Mary Watts.

Sworn and Subscribed before me the 12th day of October 1838. [Jarius?] French Com. of Deeds

Adam Walter was granted pension of \$60.00 per annum commencing 4th March 1834. He died March 13, 1834.

End Notes—R.11099—Adam Walter

1. Adam enlisted in Captain Christopher W. Fox's Company, which was the Third Company, as a private in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. The following were officers of Captain Fox's Company: First Lieutenant—Peter Louck's. Second Lieutenant—Henry Miller. Ensign—Samuel Van Etten or VanNatter, etc. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 121, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
3. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer of the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
4. Adam is again referring to First Lieutenant Peter Loucks who was in command of the company at this time because Captain Fox had been wounded at the Battle of Oriskany.
5. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British Army and allies on October 17, 1777.
6. Adam has the wrong year for this service, it should be 1780. Adam enlisted as a private on July 5, 1780 on "A Pay roll of Captain Kasselmans Company of Rangers raised out of Colo Jacob Klock's Regiment of Tryon County Militia for the defence of the Frontier of said County in the year 1780". FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 121, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. The Battle of Stone Arabia was fought in the morning of October 19, 1780.
8. Colonel John Brown commanded the American troops at Stone Arabia.
9. The British forces were under Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnson not Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler. Major Ross was not at this battle.
10. Probably Lieutenant-Colonel Henry J. VanRensselaer of the Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
11. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780.
12. Henry Miller was commissioned captain on September 29, 1780 because Captain Fox was promoted to major.
13. Captain John Keyser, or Cayser, Kyser, Kaiser, etc., in Colonel Klock's Regiment. Peter Waggoner, or Wagner, etc., was the lieutenant-colonel in Klock's Regiment.
14. According to the Stone Arabia Dutch Reformed Church Book of Marriages page 195, Adam Walter married Elizabeth Hurtig on August 8, 1790.
15. Reverend D.C. Pick, or Peck, Peek, Peak, etc.