

Pension Application for Peter Wells

S.44033

Northern District of New York, Ulster County SS

On the fifth day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas it being a Court of Record for the said County of Ulster, Peter Wells aged sixty four years resident in the said County of Ulster who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare That he served in the revolutionary war as follows Enlisted in the fall of the year 1776 in the State of New York in the Company of Capt Amos Hutchinson in the Regt commanded by Coll Lewis Dubois for the Term of three years and served untill February 1780 when he was discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey No of Pension Certificate 5760. Original Declaration made Oct 6th 1818.

And I 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 an Act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed 18th day of March 1818k.

And that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following inventory and by me subscribed viz no real estate, one cow worth \$12, Two Heifers worth \$20, Six sheep \$6 one hog \$2, two small pigs \$1. Household furniture for one small room worth \$10. My family consists of a wife aged 58 years & six children all grown up and residing from home—

His wife is weak & sickly and Deponent himself unable to maintain his family on account of age and infirmity. (Signed) Peter Wells

Sworn to & subscribed on this 5th day of July 1820, before me by Peter Wells in open Court. Lucas Elmendorp, first Judge.

Letter in file dated March 3, 1937, written in reply to an inquiry.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.44033, based upon the military service of Peter Wells in that war.

The date and place birth and the names of the parents of Peter Wells are not shown.

While a resident of New Marlboro, Ulster County, New York, Peter Wells enlisted in the fall of 1776, served as private in Captain Amos Hutchings' Company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' Fifth New York Regiment; was in the battles of White Plains and Fort Montgomery, where he was taken prisoner, escaped at Harlem Heights about January 1, 1778, joined Captain Henry Vanderburg's Company, Colonel Dubois' Regiment; served under General Sullivan against the Indians, and was discharged in February 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 6, 1818, at which time he was a resident of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, and aged sixty-one years "and upwards".

In 1820 soldier's wife was aged fifty-eight years, and his six children were grown, no names are stated. There are no further family data.