

Pension Application for Peter Wells

W.16697 (Anna Rightmyer, former widow) Maiden name: Anna Hommel. She married Peter about the middle of April 1779. Peter died August 1787. She married Coenrad Rightmyer who died in the year 1805.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the 3rd Section of the act of 4th July 1836 and of the first Section of the act of 3rd March 1837.

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this Seventeenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Court of Ulster County Anna Rightmeyer a resident of the town of Saugerties in said County of Ulster and State of New York, aged Eighty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her [oath] make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837.

That she was married to Peter Wells who to the best of her knowledge and belief in the revolutionary war in the year 1779 was a private soldier in the Militia Service of the State of New York in a Company commanded by Captain John L. Dewitt for about one month.

Also in a Company commanded by Lieutenant Peter Backer for about the same length of time that said Service was performed on the frontier of the County of Ulster.

She further declares that said Peter Wells her husband has also in the year 1780 or 1781 served as a private soldier in a company commanded by Lieutenant Moses Yeomans for the term of six months that said Company were called Rangers and were the principle part of the time engaged in Scouting and Reconnoitering through the woods along the frontier in the County of Ulster and were stationed in different places in the town of Saugerties Woodstock and Kingston and were discharged late in the fall of said year of said year of 1781 as she now believes.

She further declares that in the spring of the year of 1782 her husband the said Peter Wells engaged as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain Henry Pawling Lieutenant Ostrander for the term of nine moth stht said Company was stationed on the frontier of the County of Ulster in the towns of Saugerties and Woodstock and Shandakin that part of a company was stationed near the house where deponent then resided that said service commenced early in the spring and continued until late in the fall of said year of 1782.

She further declares that she was married to the said Pieter Wells about the middle of April in the year 1779 and that her husband the aforesaid Peter Wells died in the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Seven in said Town of Saugerties where he resided during the revolutionary war.

That she was afterwards married to Coenadt Rightmyer who died in the month of October in the year one thousand Eight Hundred and five and that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she has no documentary Evidence nor any other witness except the annexed. (Signed with her mark) Ann Rightmyer

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Court, of the County of Ulster.