

Pension Application for Ahasuerus Wendell

W.25918 (Widow: Eve) Eve Peek and Ahasuerus married July 16, 1782. Ahasuerus died February 22, 1848.

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this fifth day of September one thousand Eight hundred and thirty-two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, Ahasuerus Wendell, a resident of the town of Charlton in said County and State, aged seventy-six years and upwards, 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 7th 1832.

He was born on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, as appears from the records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the City of Schenectady, at a place now included within the bounds of the town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady now included within the bounds of the town of Glenville in the County of Schenectady in said State. He resided there at the time he entered the service of the United States in the war of the revolution—Since said war he has lived, and he now lives in the town of Charlton aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Fin the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, he was enrolled in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain John van Patten, in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. His other field and company officers whom he recollects, were Abraham Swits and Myndert Wemple Majors—Simon F. Van Patten and Cornelius Mabee. Lieutenants & Daniel Toll Ensign. He remained a member of said Company, and discharged military duty whenever called upon until the end of the war. It is well known that the British with their Indian allies, aided by disaffected persons among the Americans, often made predatory incursions on our frontier settlements.

Alarms were vy frequent; so that the militia especially those residing in the vicinity of those settlements had to be in constant readiness, and when their services were not in requisition elsewhere, hardly a month passed by, but their services were required on such occasions to defend the frontier inhabitants from the attacks, & their property from the depredations of the enemy. The place where he resided as at that time a frontier settlement, and his services on such occasions in common with those of other members of his said company were often required, and rendered.

In the fall of the year 1775, he was ordered with a detachment of militia to Johnstown where he remained sometime.

In the month of January 1776, he was with the militia near Johnstown when Sir John Johnson and his tenants were disarmed, and surrendered themselves prisoners of war.

He was at Bemis's Heights in Saratoga in the fall of the year 1777, when Burgoyne's army was captured. He then had the command of the company to which

he belonged. Two of the officers of that company who went out in this campaign being too unwell to do military duty. Hew was at sundry times at the different forts in Schoharie, Stone Arabia, German flatts, fort Hunter, Sacandaga, Ballstown, New Paisely (now Milton) Fort Edward and other military posts and passes performing garrison duty. In what particular years and how long each year, he was at each of the places aforesaid, he cannot possibly recollect.

In the fall of the year 1780, he was with the militia under General Van Rensselaer when they pursued the British under General Van Rensselaer when they pursued the British under Sir John Johnson at Canajoharie.

In the year 1781, he performed military duty at Fort Herkimer. In the fall of the year 1781, he was with the troops under Colonel Marinus Willett, when Major Ross and Walter Butler made their incursion into the (then) County of Tryon and were worsted and compelled to retreat.

Although some of the expeditions in which he was engaged, were for a less period than one month, yet he conscientiously believes that if the different terms of his services in the war of the revolution were added together, they would exceed a period of eighteen months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew; viz—Colonels Van Dyck, Cortland, Wynkoop & Gaansevoort—Major Cochran & other officers of Gaansevoort's Regiment, also General Van Rensselaer, and Colonel Willett of the State Troops.

He never received any written discharge from the service, and believes it was not customary to give written discharges to those who served in the militia.

He has no documentary evidence, but can produce the testimony of witnesses who have personal knowledge of his services.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier in the army of the revolution, to wit, Benjamin Marvin, Elijah Spence, Abijah Peck.

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) Ahasuerus Wendell

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. Thomas Palmer, Clerk.