

Pension Application for Peter Young

R.11972

In Order to Obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress of the Seventh of June in the year one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this twelfth day of March A.D. one thousand Eight hundred and thirty nine Personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions of the peace in & for the County of Montgomery aforesaid Peter Young of Canajoharie in said County aged seventy seven or seventy Eight 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two & the several acts passed subsequent thereto.

That he Entered the service of the United States at the age of Sixteen in the year 1777 or 1778 (1) this Applicant cannot recollect which in the Spring of the year at the time the same went off Under Captain Mathias Shultys (2) who is now Dead & served under him for three summer seasons from the time the snow went off till it fell again in the winter being about nine months Each year.

The service was performed at a piquet fort (3) in the town of Bern, County of Albany guarding against the Indians Brittish [British] & Tories the said applicant says that he does not remember any other Commissioned officer belonging to said Company Besides Captain Shultys. The name of the Sergeant who relieved guard was John Warner (4) who lately resided in the County of Albany but is now Dead.

John Saddlemyre of Bern & John Jacob Shultys of Knox in the County of Albany were privates in said Company & served with applicant.

The applicant states that he was engaged in no action during said time of service was out on the scouting party which Brought in the Diets family who were murdered (5) & scalped by the Indians Applicant was once afterwards drafted into the Militia but did not serve but 2 or three days.

The said first named three first terms of service was in the Militia. The Applicant further states that he has no written or Documentary evidence in his possession in relation to his service nor does he know whether there is any to be had.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory in the United States or Elsewhere. (Signed with his mark) Peter Young (6)

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. A. J. Comrie Clerk.

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1. Peter is unsure of his age which also contributes to the confusion of year he turned sixteen and was by the militia law to enroll in the local militia company.
2. Mathias Shultes was commissioned as an officer until March 4, 1780, as the first lieutenant in Captain William Dietz's Company in Colonel Philip P. Schuyler's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia. The captain of this company changed several times and so far muster rolls or pay rolls for the various companies have not been found. The first Captain was Jacob Ball on February 20, 1776. In September of 1777 Peter Dietz is appointed captain of the company. Captain Dietz was accidently wounded on October 18, 1777 and died of the wound on October 19, 1777. On June 22, 1778, Jost Shaver was commissioned the first lieutenant, William Dietz the second lieutenant and Peter Whitman as the ensign. Lieutenant Shaver actually commanded the company until William Dietz was appointed captain and then commissioned in place of his brother Peter.

3. Several other pensioners called the fort Whitman, Whiteman, or Weideman.
4. On February 20, 1776, John Warner was appointed first lieutenant in Captain Ball's Company, as there are no rolls available it cannot be determined if there was a Sergeant John Warner, or a private John Saddlemyre in this company.
5. Captain William Dietz and his family were killed in the last part of August 1781. First Lieutenant Mathias Shultes took over the command of the company but does not appear to have been appointed captain.
6. The New York State Comptrollers Office supplied proof of service for a Peter Young but none of the pay certificates were not for Peter Young. His pension application was rejected on the basis of lack of proof of service.