

Pension Application for Peter Flagg, Flack, Flock, etc.

W.12099 (Widow: Lee, Roxy or Roxana, former widow.)

B.L. WT.6025-160-55

Pension Awarded \$32.53

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this 10th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Comm. Pleas of the County of Herkimer now sitting. Peter Flagg a resident of the town of German Flatts in the County of Herkimer and the State of New York, aged eighty two years on the fifteenth day of November next, 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 into the service of the United States under the following named officers.

The first service this Deponent performed was in the year in the beginning of the war at which time he was a private in Capt. Michael Ittig's (1) Company in Col Peter Bellinger's Regiment that Jacob Bishorn (2) was Lieutenant and Frederick Frank was ensign in Genl Nicholas Herkimer's Brigade of Infantry of the Militia of the State of New York.

That the Regiment was ordered down to Caughnawaga a distance of about forty miles for the purpose as deponent was informed to capture Sir John Johnson and the Indians under his Command that the regiment was paraded on the ice and was there three or four days and was absent about eight days when the regiment returned.

And this deponent further says, that in the month of May or June 1776 the deponent enlisted in Capt Demuth's Company (3) of rangers not connected with any regiment as this deponent believes for the term of nine months, Adam Helmer (4) was Lieut. in said company, that he enlisted in the Town of Herkimer in the then County of Tryon, in the State of New York. That the first service they performed the company was marched up to fort Stanwix and brought down a number of boats from Wood Creek to the Fort, that the boats belonged to some Bob Ellice an Indian trader that they got away with several of them that the boats were left by deponents company at Fort Stanwix when they came back to Fort Herkimer that he was employed as a Scout in marching in several places in the neighbourhood until the fall of the year and before. And winter set in they were disbanded. And the deponent further days that he was again in Michael Edick's Company and that in the month of July and as Deponent believes in the next year the regiment was again called out and marched down to Cherry Valley, the whole regiment having assembled at Fort Herkimer that Genl Herkimer (5) had Command of the detachment, that after remaining at Cherry Valley a short time proceeded to the foot of Otsego Lake, the whole country then being a wilderness, and from there they went by an Indian footpath down to the Unadilla river. One Col. Cox (6) was with them, down there to see the Indians, where they lay four or five days until a dispatch was sent for Brandt (7) the Indian Chief who came up within a mile of the Militia, and were said to be several hundred strong, that an attempt to form a treaty was made but the Indians set up a great shout and were off, and then discharged their fire arms, the Militia then returned again to fort Herkimer being absent about fifteen or sixteen days. That the battle of Oriskany was fought on the fourth of August (8) following but deponent on account of ill health was unable to go out with his company.

That this deponent after the battle of Oriskany in the month of August 1777, continued doing military duty as a militia man in Capt. Michael Ittig's Company of Infantry aforesaid, and continued to do duty as long as he was Captain and when removed down to Schenectady, Frederick Frank became Captain of the Company and John Campbell was ensign (9), that deponent did duty in said Company and turned out whenever there was an alarm, that in the Summer Season deponent was most of his time doing duty in Fort Herkimer, taking his regular turn standing guard until the year 1781.

And this Deponent further says, in the month of May or June 1781, he enlisted at Fort Plain in the then County of Tryon, now County of Montgomery in the State of New York under one Capt. McKee (10) in Col. Marinus Willett's regiment for the term of nine month and was discharged in the month of November or December thereafter.

That during said term the Company to which this Deponent belonged and one or two other Companies in the said regiment and some militia from the neighbourhood were engaged in the fall of the year with the English Tories & Indians at a place called Turlock (11) in the County of Tryon now in the county of Schoharie about ten miles South East of Fort Plain aforesaid then all woods.

That afterwards this Deponent under the command of Col. Willett with about four hundred men of his Regiment and some militia fought the enemy at Johnstown in the present County of Montgomery the British and Indians were about seven hundred in number under the Command of Maj. Ross (12), were defeated by Col. Willett who took one brass field piece which had been lost in the early part of the action by a company of Artillery

attached to the regiment commanded by Capt. Moody (13), that the field piece when taken was spiked by having a large nail drove in the touch hole.

There were fourteen English prisoners taken in the engagement, The Company then returned to fort plain, at which place, in the fall of the year, the news was received that Lord Cornwallis (14) had surrendered to the American and French Armies on which occasion Col. Willett procured and had roasted whole a large ox for the regiment and such of the militia as were with them and fired a twelve pounder and their small arms in rejoicing at the Victory and this deponent remained at Ft Plain until late in the season, when he was discharged as aforesaid.

And this Deponent further Says he was born in the town of Ambell as he believes in the State of New Jersey and when young his parents removed to the town of German Flatts, in the County of Herkimer and the State of New York, where he last resided since the Revolutionary War and still continued to reside there and this Deponent was born in the year 1750 on the fifteenth day of November.

That Deponent has a record of his age at home on a piece of paper Copied from the family Bible.

That he resided at German Flatts in the County of Herkimer when he was first called into the service that he has lived there since the War and still resides there.

That Deponent was part of the time a drafted man, volunteered twice and acted also by Command of his Militia officers when Commanded.

That Deponent was acquainted with Col Willett has seen Col Gansevort (15) and said Genl Washington, Gov. Clinton (16) & when they came up the Mohawk River after the end of the war.

That Deponent served with several militia regiments Col Waggoners (17) Regiment or Corp's & Col Clyde's (18) regt both militia regiments.

That Deponent never rec'd a written discharge

That Frederick Bellinger and Frederick Bellinger Jun., John Mahon and several other persons who can testify to deponents character under their belief.

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) Peter "PF" Flagg. (19)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court. F. E. Spinner Dept. Clerk.

State of New York
Herkimer County SS.

On this the 15th Day of March One Thousand Eight hundred & Fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within & for the County & State foresaid, Roxana Lee who resides in Frankfort Herkimer County & State of New York who being by me duly sworn according to law declares that she is now seventy three years old. That she was married in the year 1825 to Peter Flagg a soldier of the Revolution who received for his service a Pension from the Government of the United States. She further declares that he [sic, her] said husband, Peter Flagg died on the 20th day of June AD 1841—She further declares that after the death of her said husband Peter Flagg & on about the 15th day of August 1844 she was married to Elisha Lee who died in the year 1850. She further declares that since the death of the said Elisha Lee she has never married & now continues his widow. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land granted by the act passed March 8, 1855 & she hereby declares that she has not applied for or received & she believes she is not entitled to bounty land except as above stated & she hereby appoints John H. McCutthur esquire of Washington City her attorney to prosecute her said claim for Bounty land & to receive her warrant when issued. She further hereby Empowers & appoints the said John H. McCutthur as her lawful attorney for her & in her behalf to prosecute, her claim for pension & she hereby revokes all other power of Attorney. Given by her to any person whatsoever. (Signed with her mark) Roxana Lee

Sworn to & Subscribed before me on the day & year above written & I hereby certify that I have no interest as the result of this case & am not consumed in its prosecution & that Roxanna Lee is well known to me. William Schooley, Justice of the Peace.

Letter of inquiry dated November 10, 1927 in the pension folder.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.12099 it appears that Peter Flagg (German, "Flock") was born November 15, 1760? In Ambell, New Jersey and when young moved with his parents (names not given) to German Flatts, Tryon County, (later Herkimer County), New York.

While a resident of German Flatts, New York, he enlisted in 1775 and served at various times until late in the fall of 1781, over two and one half years in all, as a private under Captains Michael Ittig, Frederick Frank, Robert McKean and Marks Demuth, and Colonels Peter Bellinger and Marinus Willett in the New York Troops and was in the battles of Turlock and Johnstown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 1, 1832 while living in German Flatts, New York.

Soldier married October 23, 1825 in German Flatts, New York, Roxana, or Roxy, whose maiden name was Mixture. He died June 21, or 22, 1841 in German Flatts, New York. She married August 15, 1844, Elisha Lee who died September 13, 1847 or in 1850 in Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York.

His widow Roxy Lee was allowed pension on account of the services of her former husband Peter Flagg, on her application executed March 30, 1853 at which time she was living in German Flatts, New York aged about seventy-one years. She died November 6 or 7, 1860 in Frankfort, New York. She left no children of her own.

Said Peter Flagg's son, Jacob Flagg, was living in Frankfort, New York in 1853 aged seventy-two years. The name of his mother is not stated, nor the date of that marriage.

End Notes—W.12099—Peter Flagg

1. Captain Michael Ittig was in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. The following were officers in Captain Ittig's Company: Jacob Baschauer or Baselhony or Basehorn, etc., was the First Lieutenant, Frederick Frank was the Second Lieutenant and Patrick Campbell was the Ensign.
3. Captain Hans Marcus or Marks Demuth's Company of Tryon County Rangers was formed on August 1, 1776 and they were discharged on March 27, 1777. So far a payroll or muster roll has not been found for this company.
4. His full name is John Adam Frederick Helmer.
5. Nicholas Herkimer was the Brigadier General of the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
6. Colonel Ebenezer Cox was the Colonel of the First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He was killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777.
7. General Herkimer met with Captain Joseph Brant at Unadilla on June 27, 1777. The purpose of the meeting was an attempt to get Brant and if possible the Mohawks to side with the Americans against England or at least for them to remain neutral.
8. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
9. John Campbell was sergeant. The officers in Captain Frederick Frank's Company were as follows: Timothy Frank was the First Lieutenant, Patrick Campbell was the Second Lieutenant and Adam Staring was the Ensign.
10. Robert McKean's role in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant's Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781 is confusing at best. His name does not appear on the April 27 or 28, 1781 officers' list appointed to Willett's Regiment. There is no muster roll for this company but Willett does mention the following in his letter and Orderly Book:--"*Capt. Marshall's Comp. is to be formed of the troops already assembled at Johnstown under the charge of Capt. McKain*". FROM: Colonel Marinus Willett's Letter and Orderly Book, Fort Rensselaer 1781, Doc. No. 15705, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, New York. Peter's name does not appear on Captain Marshall's Company payroll for 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, DC.
11. The Battle of New Dorlach which is present day Sharon Springs, Schoharie County was fought on July 10, 1781.
12. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Major John Ross commanded the British forces.
13. Captain Andrew Moody of the Second Regiment of Continental Artillery.
14. Lord Cornwallis surrendered his British Army at Yorktown, Virginia, on October 19, 1781. Colonel Willett received the news of General George Washington's victory at Yorktown about November 1.
15. Peter Gansevoort of the Third New York Continental Regiment.
16. Governor George Clinton, the First Governor of the State of New York.
17. Peter Waggoner was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Second Regiment of the Tryon County Militia.
18. Samuel Clyde was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
19. According to Captain Ittig's Muster Roll Peter served in John'sTown Feb ye 7 1776 for 6 days, for Albany Octob'r 10th 1776 for 2 days and on guard at ye house of Fred Fox October 17 1776 for 5 days. He is listed as 0 for Oriskany. On Captain Ittig's Muster Roll for 1778 Peter is listed as serving 6 days in June and 13 days for July. Total days served for 1778 was 19 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, DC. Peter is listed as a Corporal in Captain Frederick Frank's Company. He served 23 days in 1779 and 32 days in 1780. Colonel Peter Bellinger, Doc No. 00203, Box 14, No. 4, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, New York. Peter's name does appear on Captain Adam Leipe's Muster Roll in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. The date of the roll is 6 or July 1780 till the 20 of July 1782 for a total of 8 days and was owed £0. . 14. . 2. According to another roll dated 28th day of Sept'r 1784, Peter Floyg [sic] had been paid the £0. . 14. . 2 that was owed to him and the certificate number was 11489. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.