

Pension Application for Peter Lambert

S.22868

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS.

On the 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county now sitting Peter Lambert a resident of the town of Canajoharie in the County & State aforesaid aged 72 years on the 15th day of August last, 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

That in the month of June 1776 he enlisted during the pleasure of Congress & entered the service under Capt. John Winn Lieut. Lawrence Gros & Peter Scramling served Lieut. That under those officers he served in scouting from Cooperstown down the Susquehanna River, German Flats, Saratoga & Lake George, until sometime in the month of January following when we were discharged.

That about the first of January 1780 he again enlisted into & entered the service of his country under Capt John Denny & Lieut Sandy Campbell at Canajoharie in the County aforesaid.

That about the middle of February following we were marched from Canajoharie to Schenectady there encamped two or three days then marched to Albany were there mustered & remained three or four days and were then marched to Fishkill landing on the Hudson River, were commanded by Colo Udly Hay & Major Bes and were kept there & in that vicinity on duty & on fatigue until on or about the 21st of January following where we were discharged & about ten days thereafter he arived [arrived] at Canajoharie aforesaid.

That about the twenty fifth of July 1781 he again enlisted into & entered the service under Capt. Livingston Lieut Sandy Campbell above mentioned and served Lieut Matthew Trotter in the City of Albany that we were then attached to other companies under the command of Majer [Major] Benscote & were marched to Scoharrie [Schoharie] remained there about a week then marched to Cobeskill [Cobleskill] & were called by Colo Morenus [Marinus] Waillet to march to Fort Palin in the County of Montgomery where we were stationed until about the 24th of October following when Colo Willet marched the men then under his command to Johnstown to engage against the enemy then there under the command of Colo Walter Butler & Majr. Ross. That at the time Colo Willet so marched against Butler & Ross he with a party of men & friendly Indians were ordered to go to Fish Creek above Fort Stanwix to destroy the boats or property of the enemy, we went with the hostile Indians & were driven back, came to Herkimer & then went with Colo Willet to West Canada Creek where the enemy were overtaken Some fighting when Butler with several of his men were killed after which we were marched back to Fort Plain where he continued to serve until about the first of January following, was then marched from Fort Plain to

German Flatts where he was discharged and that during this term of service he was a second sergent [sergeant] & as such discharged his duty.

That about the first of May 1892 he again enlisted and entered the service in the City of Albany under Capt. Guy Young, Lieut Christopher Peake for nine months that about the first of June following Capt Young's company with one or two others under the command of Moyer Benscote marched to Schenectady where Majr Andre Fink served in the command were marched from there up the Mohawk River in the County of Montgomery & there joined a regiment commanded by Colo Marinus Wilet & from there a part of said company were stationed at Fort Kysor in Palatine where we were kept on duty & sent out in parties to guard the inhabitants and to Forts Clyde Fort Windecker Fort Plain Fort Plank until the following fall when we were marched to Fort Herkimer in the County of Herkimer where we were kept on duty & out on parties until the latter part of December when we were married to Fort Plain when we were discharged on the last day of December and that during this term of service he was also a second Sergent & as such discharged his duty and that he has no documentary evidence of his services, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to all his service.

That he was born in the City of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1760.

That he has a record of his age kept by his Father which he here exhibits.

That he never received a written discharge form the service.

That when he first entered the service under Capt. John Winn as above stated, he lived at Cooperstown in the County of Otsego, that the next time he entered the service he lived in the town of Canajoharrie in the County of Montgomery where he has ever since lives & now lives.

That he entered the service at the different times & in the manner above stated.

That during the time he was in the service he knew Capt. Smith, Capt Cherry Adjutant Matthews Bell & Lieut Briss officers of a part of a regiment who lay sometime at Fort Plain said to be New Hampshire Troops. That he does not now recollect other officers or regiments or the general circumstances of his service other than as above stated.

That the Revd Jonas Diefendorf & John Brookman are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He herby 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)

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 28, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Peter Lambert and data relative to his family.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claims of Peter Lambert and his father, George Lambert.

Peter Lambert was born August 15, 1760 in Philadelphia.

While a resident of Cooperstown, Otsego County, New York, he enlisted in June 1776, served as private in Captain John Winn's New York company and was discharged sometime in January 1777, while a resident of Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted in the quartermaster department about January 1, 1780, served as private in Captain John Denny's New York company under Colonel Udey Hay and was discharged January 21, 1781. He enlisted July 25, 1781, served as second sergeant in Captain Livingston's New York company, was in the battle at West Canada Creek and was discharged in January, 1782. He enlisted May 1, 1782, served as second sergeant in Captain Guy Young's company in Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment and was discharged December 31, 1782. In addition to this service he served on various short tours, amounting to at least four months in all, in the New York militia under Captains House, Copeman and Belding, and Colonel Clyde.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, at which time he was still a resident of Canajoharie, New York.

He died October 25, 1844.

In 1856, Peter Lambert, Jr., of Canajoharie was referred to as the surviving son of the late Peter Lambert of Canajoharie, New York.

The papers in the pension claim of Peter Lambert, S.22868, contain no further data relative to this soldier's family.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, R.6098, based upon the Revolutionary War services of George Lambert.

He was born March 18, 1764, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the beginning of the Revolution he lived in Fort Plains (later called Minden), Montgomery County, New York, having moved there from Otsego, Tryon County, New York. After the Revolution he lived at Minden and Canajoharie.

While a resident of Canajoharie he applied for pension on September 19, 1832, and alleged that he enlisted in the fall of 1778 and served with the New York troops at various times until the close of the Revolution, amounting to one year, two months, and twenty-nine days, in all, as private and spy under Captains Belding, and Colonels Samuel Clyde, Harper, Brown, and Willett. He was called upon for further specifications in regard to his service, to which he did not reply. And his claim was never completed.

He stated that his father's property at Otsego, eight miles from Cherry Valley, was destroyed by the Indians and that his family took shelter in Fort Plank when the fort was besieged in 1780 by the Indians under Brant, his mother, sister, and two younger brothers (their names not given) were taken prisoners, his brothers returned home after the war but no mention was made of the fate of his mother and sister.

Peter Lambert whose history is given above was a brother of George Lambert.

The papers in this pension Claim contain no further data relative to the family of George Lambert.