

Pension Application for James J. or I. Peek

S.23367

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

On this eighteenth 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 Common Pleas of the County of Schenectady aforesaid and State of New York aforesaid now sitting James J. Peek a resident of the Town of Rotterdam said County of Schenectady aged seventy two years and 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 was born in Rotterdam aforesaid in the County of Schenectady aforesaid in the year 1760, and that he has a record of his age in Dutch Church Book of Record in the City of Schenectady.

When he entered the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was [has] lived in the now town of Rotterdam aforesaid, then Westina, and since the revolutionary war & at the present time he has lived & does live in said town.

In the summer of the year 1776 he was enrolled in Captain John VanPatten's Company of militia in the Regiment whereof, Abraham Wemple as Colonel. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were—Tunis Swart Lieutenant Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Major

He served in said company from the year 1776 aforesaid until the end of said war except during other engagements as herein after specified.

He engaged in mounting guard at the fort in Westeria which as a frontier post & liable to incursions from the enemy daily.

When not thus engaged in mounting guard, he was called out with detachments of militia from said Regiment to the different posts and passes along the Mohawk river and in the surrounding County in more immediate danger of attack from the enemy. He was very often called out on alarms, and was engaged in many patrolling and reconnoitering parties in search of Tories. Some of the principal expeditions in which he engaged were as follows: viz—

He marched to Sacondaga and there resided with a detachment of militia in erecting blockhouses & other works of defense.

In the year 1778, he served several days as a scout a day or two previous to the encounter at Stone Arabia. He served three weeks at Butlersbury.

He was for three seasons constantly engaged as an express from Westeria aforesaid to Schenectady & Albany.

He performed garrison duty at Fort Plank for three months.

He was called out with the militia & served with them when Caughnawaga was destroyed by the enemy.

He was in service with the troops under General VanRensselaer, & was in the battle which was fought under him at Canajoharie (Fort Plank).

He served for six weeks at Saratoga under Colonel Christopher C. Yates with the artificer's there, he thinks in the year 1776.

On the 19 March 1777, he enlisted & served for the term of nine months in Captain P. Myndert Wemple's Company of Boatmen, & served in that capacity in guarding & transporting public stores from Schenectady to Fort Stanwix.

On the 9th day of March 1779, he enlisted in Captain Joseph Peek's Company and was employed by said Captain as a boatman & aided in transporting the public stores from Schenectady to the different forts along the Mohawk river. He was engaged in this service about nine months, though he enlisted for the term of one year.

His memory does not serve him sufficiently well to specify in detail the different terms of his services. But he declares that in addition to the eighteen months spent as aforesaid in the business of transporting military stores, he served as a soldier in the army of the revolution in the garrison and in the field for a period in the whole exceeding one year.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect viz: Col. Marinus willet, Col Gansevoort, Col. Schuyler, Capt Wemple, Captain VanSlyck, Capt Tunis Swart.

He never received any discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the depositions hereto annexed.

The following are the names of person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: Adam VanPatten, Frederick VanPatten, Lewis D. Peek, Joseph Peek.

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) James J. Peek

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman.