

Pension Application for Peter Ball

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State of New York

County of Schoharie SS.

On this second day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county aforesaid now sitting Peter Ball a resident of the Town of Sharon in the county of Schoharie aforesaid and state aforesaid aged seventy six years, who being first duly sworn to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That during the Revolutionary War he was Quarter Master of the Militia Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Vrooman in Schoharie, and that according to his recollection he has not seen his commission as such for the last fifteen years while he concludes that it must be then lost or destroyed.—

That the said Regiment in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he marched to Fort Edward in the State of New York and that he accompanied the said Regiment and discharged the duties as incident to the office of Lieutenant that he was engaged in the service about twelve days and the said deponent was twice marched to the Middle Fort to guard the Fort and that he attend the said Regiment as quarter-master of the same, that he served the first time about ten days and the last time about one month—That he also commanded said regiment in the March to Harpersfield and discharged his duties of his said office, in which service he was engaged about three days—That at the time one McDonald lay at Bowman's land with his hostile forces he was with the Regiment to that place and discharged the duties of his office for the term of four days.

That the Mohawk and Schoharie districts, from then were at border or frontier situate were expand to the continued incursions of the savages and Tories, and in truth were nearly desolated—that the problem of Schoharie kept up three forts with the militia for their own security, called the upper, middle and lower forts. That the lower Fort was constructed in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine and garrisoned with the militia of the Regiment aforesaid. That from the commencement of the construction of the Fort to the end of the war aforesaid of upwards of three years the said Fort was garrisoned with the Militia of the Regiment aforesaid and that he this deponent during all the time discharged the duties of the Quartermaster in supplying the Fort or Garrison with rations by the order of Colonel Peter Vrooman the commandant of the Regiment aforesaid—that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Peter Ball

Sworn & Subscribed this second day of October 1832 in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk.

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Mattice Ball, a brother of Peter Ball and private in Col. Vrooman's regiment in the revolutionary war and now a resident of the town of Sharon Schoharie County says that his brother Peter Ball was the quartermaster in Col. Vrooman's regiment during the revolutionary war, says that their father Johannes Ball was chairman of the committee of safety from the commencement of the war to its termination and that he Matthias Ball assisted his brother Peter frequently in the discharge of his duties in going after provision &c for the men stationed at the forts of Schoharie and accordingly was well acquainted with his brothers services. He thinks that previous to the year 1777 there was not much duty did by his brother – thinks not to exceed three months but from the year 1777 to the termination of the war that his brother devoted his whole attention to the duties of his office in distributing provisions to the soldiers at the forts a part of which consisted of listed men which came to their assistance, (he had nothing to do for regiments which came to their assistance as they had their own quartermaster.) thinks his brother was in continual service from the year 1777 to 1779 in the forts and on small tours with a part or the whole of the regiment. (Signed) Mattice Ball

Subscribed and Sworn this 25th day of November 1836 before me. Henry J. Snook, J.P.