

Pension Application for Peter Brink

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State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me, John Jansen, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county aforesaid, the same being a court of record, Peter Brink a resident of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy one years (and who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the sitting of the County Court the same being thirty miles distant), 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 in the year 1777, he was an enrolled member of Captain Matheis Jansen's Company of Militia shortly after Fort Montgomery was taken, and after the British had burnt Kingston & returned down the river Captain Jansen's Company was ordered to Newburgh—that he Peter Brink accompanied his company and did duty eight days—Peter Decker who as a subaltern officer, commanded the company at the time, Capt. Jansen having been wounded at the taking of Fort Montgomery.

That early in the spring of the year 1778 Captain Jansen's Company of Militia was directed to furnish one man out of every three for three weeks public military service. That – he Peter Brink volunteered to serve the three weeks for his class, that he actually performed the three weeks service, part of the time at West Point, Colonel Wisner commanded at WestPoint, Don't know to what company he was attached at West Point, while there commenced building a fort—before the three weeks expired was ordered to Mamakating to guard the inhabitants of that frontier from the Indians—Sergeant – Hendrick Rosekrans commanded the party sent to Mamakating. While at Mamakating his term of three weeks expired and from thence he returned home.

That about July in the same year, he was ordered to Mamakating again, with a portion of his Militia company, when he arrived there was ordered to a place called Hunk, a frontier settlement at that time for the purpose of protecting the Inhabitants from the Indians when come to Hunk, was placed under the command of Captain Concklin and marched to Shandaken to guard against the Indians—was actually engaged in the public service at this time one month and three days.

That he served as he now thinks in the year 1779 although he can not positively specify the year three months in one continuous term at Napanack and Lackawack under Captain Matheis Jansen doing garrison duty & guarding the said frontiers from the Indians.

That after the Indians had made an irruption into Peenpack, and burnt several houses and barns, can't recollect which year, with certainty he served one month month [sic] under Captain Matheis Jansen at that place, guarding inhabitants against the Indians, recollects it was after harvest.

That in addition to the above specified terms of service, which were always in the capacity of a private in the militia in the State of New York he the said Peter Brink, did at various times, during the war of the revolution, serve in the militia, on various tours of duty, in pursuing after the Indians and in guarding the Western parts of Ulster County which was then the Indian Frontier in this quarter, being sometimes engaged, one, sometimes two, and three weeks on scouting to at least three months more.

The said Peter Brink further declares, that he was born in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty one at Shawangunk.

That the only record of his age is an entry in his father's family Bible, now at his house.

That he lived at Shawangunk in the State and County aforesaid, when called into the service, and where he now lives, and has lived since the revolution. That he never received any written discharge from service.

That he volunteered into the service at the time he went to West Point, and at the time he went to Napanock & Lackawaek—that at all other times he was ordered out by the officers of his militia company, whether by a draft or not, can't recollect.

That from the nature of his service, it being in the militia and in the vicinity guarding the inhabitants and pursuing the Indians, he did not form much acquaintance with the officers of the regular army—nor with any militia regiments or command excepting his own, which was commanded by Colonel Johannis Hardenbergh and Colonel Johannes Jansen at the periods of the revolution but which was in the actual command, at the several times he was in the service, he can not say.

That he refers to Colonel Abraham J. Hardenbergh, Rev. Ward and Mr. James Dill as persons in the neighbourhood to whom his is known and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services, as a soldier of the revolution.

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 any state. (Signed) Peter Brink

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of September 1832 before me John Jansen, Judge as above stated.