

Pension Application for George Dowler

W.16957 (Widow: Mary) Died January 6, 1831 in Oneida County.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

George Dowler of the town of Lee in the County of Oneida & State of New York aged 64 years being duly sworn deposeth and says, that he enlisted on the first day of March 1777, at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York in a company commanded by Captain James Greggs to serve during the war. The company in which this deponent was enlisted, belonged to the third New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevoort, Town of Fishkill the deponent was marched to Fort Schuyler commonly called Fort Stanwix and joined Colonel Gansevoorts Regiment, which was then stationed there, and Colonel Gansevoort commanded. This deponent remained stationed at this fort for one year and ten months, and was then marched with the troops to Albany—

This deponent then went to the westward under General Sullivan during and Indian Campaign, and continued with him until the return of the troops to Tioga Point & was there the troops joined the Grand Army at Morristown New Jersey commanded by Genl Washington.

This deponent was with the army at the attack on Stony Point, and from thence returned to Albany and remained there about one year. From Albany joined the grand army at Haverstraw, where Major Andre was being left there and was stationed at West Point during winter.

This deponent was transferred to Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick, and was Regiment No. 1 of the New York line—and in a company commanded by a Capt. Parsons.

From thence this deponent went to the south and was at the Capture of Lord Cornwallis after this the army returned to Snake Hill in the State of New York and in this place the army was disbanded and this deponent received a discharge signed by General Washington the commander in Chief—

This deponent was a sergeant during the whole time he served.

This deponents discharge was burned about 15 years since when this deponents house was burned at Johns town in the County of Montgomery and State of New York.

This deponent is fathermore in advanced and needy circumstances, and stands in need of assistance to render the decline of his life comfortable—and farther says not. (Signed) Georg Dowler

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April 1818. Charles Wyli8e one of the Judges of Oneida Com. Pleas

Letter in file dated May 7, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, in which you request information in regard to the father of one George Dowler of Baltimore, a lieutenant in the War of 1812.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and the record of only one soldier by that surname has been found, which is that of George Dowler, whose history is given below.

This office has no way to determine whether or not he was the father of the War of 1812 soldier, in whom you are interested.

This office has a record of only those soldiers, on account of those services, a claim for pension or bounty land has been made to the United States.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W.16957, based upon the Revolutionary War services of George Dowler.

He enlisted at Fishkill, New York, sometime in 1776 and was a sergeant in Captain James Gregg's company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Regiment. He was in the battles of Long Island and Peekskill, was stationed at Fort Stanwix more than one year, after which he was in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, was in the battle of Stony Point, at West Point was transferred to Captain Parson's company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment, was at the capture of Cornwallis, then returned to Snake Hill, where he was discharged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 7, 1818, then a resident of Lee, Oneida County, New York, and stated that he was sixty-four years of age. In 1820 he stated that he was sixty-eight years of age.

He died January 6, 1830 or 1831, in Lee, New York.

He married June 8, 1777 at Little Britain, near Shawangunk, New York, Mary Hasbrouck. They were married by the Reverend John Moffit.

The widow, Mary Dowler, was allowed pension on her application executed April 16, 1839, then living in Lee, New York, aged seventy-seven years.

She died June 9, 1846, leaving the following children; all of whom were over twenty-one years of age: Lydia Burdick, Betsey Lawrence, George Dowler, Nancy Chapman, wife of James Chapman, Polly Patterson, Rebecca sexton, and Arthur Dowler.