

**Pension Application for Peter Doxtator or Doxtater or Doxstater Dachstader,  
Dackstader, Dockstader, etc.**

S.23199

State of New York

County of Jefferson SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Jefferson aforesaid now sitting Peter Doxtater a resident of Ellisburgh in the County of Jefferson & State of New York aged Eighty one years 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.) to wit.—That during the Revolutionary war he resided in the Town or place called German Flats, on the Mohawk river in the State of New York & that during the whole war that section of the country being infested with the Indians an armed force was kept up the whole time, consisting of the Militia of that section & volunteers armed. That at the commencement of the war the precise time not remembered, he volunteered entered the service as a soldier in a regiment commanded by Col. Frederick Bellinger (1), Major George Witherick (2) in a company commanded by Capt. Henry Harter. (3)

The employment of the company was to guard the [?] of the inhabitants & to protect the people while laboring & to form & send out what were called Scouting parties or Indian spies. A part of the force was employed regularly in keeping guard and the part was out scouting & another part stood as minute men, ready to turn out any moment. In harvest time of the year 1783 thinks though not certain as to the year, he was called the Oriskany battle (4) with the Indians about 30 miles from his place of residence under the command of Gen'l Herkimer who was severely wounded in the thigh & Col. Bellinger was taken prisoner. That the Indians were determined to have him at any rate & therefore he moved from his residence to Albany (6) for his safety. The service in which he was engaged was such that he was not associated with any continental troops as he recollects or if he was their officers and other particulars respecting them are forgotten.

He has never had any written discharge, nor does he know of any person living who can testify to his services except Jacob Weaver, whose affidavit is hereto annexed.—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Peter Doxtater.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. P. Burch Clerk.

24<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session Ho. of Reps.

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Peter Doxtator and Jacob Weaver

January 5, 1836, Mr. Wardwell, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pension made the following REPORT:

That these applications for pension were made at the last Congress. A favorable report was made by the committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1834. A bill for the relief of the petitioners passed the House. The committee now refer to the facts stated in that report and make the same a part of this report, and herewith present a bill.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions have had under consideration the several applications of Peter Doxtator and Jacob Weaver, and report thereon:*

It appears from the declarations of the applicants, that they served in the revolutionary war, in a regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Frederick Bellinger, and in a company commanded by Captain Henry Harter [Harter], all of the State of New York; that they were employed some portion of each year during the war, in active service. They state, under oath, that they knew each other to have been in the service; that they

resided near each other at a place called German Flats, on the Mohawk river, in the State of New York. Said Weaver, under oath, states that the time he was actually employed on active duty as a soldier was at least three years. The said Doxtator, under oath, states that "his service during the whole time was, sometimes a day or two, sometimes a week, and sometimes a month at a time." "And he further says that he is sure that, during the war, the amount of time that he was on active duty, as a soldier, would be at least three years." These applications have been rejected at the War Department, on the ground that they did not specify the particular periods of service agreeably to the rules of that department. The traditionary evidence is such as is required by the Department, and their characters are vouched for as unexceptionable.

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1. Frederick Bellinger was the Lieutenant-Colonel of Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. George Witherink (Widerig, Witerig, Widrig, etc.) served as a private in Captain Henry Herter's Company in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment. George Widrick was appointed Captain on February 11, 1789 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Henry Staring's Regiment of Montgomery County Militia. FROM: Military Minutes of the Council of Appointments of the State of New York 1785-1821, ed. Hugh Hastings, James B. Lyon, State Printer, Albany 1901, Vol I, p 151.
3. Two dated muster rolls for Captain Herter's Company and shows service for Peter as follows: 1779. June 7 days, July 12 days, Aug 14 days, Sept 1 day, Oct 5 days and Nov 0 days. 1780. March 2 days, April 6 days, May 6 days, June 5 days, July 1 day, Aug 4 days, Sept 1 day, Oct 1 day, Nov 5 days and Dec 0 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
5. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer was wounded. His wound was so severe that his leg was amputated and from this surgery he died August 17, 1777. Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick Bellinger was taken prisoner and he was released or exchanged in 1778.
6. A Peter Dockstader is found as a private in Captain Nicholas Staats' Company in Colonel Kilian Van Rensselaer's Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia.