

Pension Application for Marcus Dusler, Dueslar, Tuesler, Tussler

S.10589

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 21 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Thirty two personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Montgomery held at Johnstown & now sitting Marcus Dusler a resident of the town of Openheim [Oppenheim] County of Montgomery & State of New York aged sixty eight last June 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—That he lived at Fort Plank in the County of Montgomery & State of New York in May in the year 1778—When he went as a substitute for a person whose name he does not now recollect—that he served two or three weeks & under the command of Captain Abraham Copeman (1)—Lieutenant Joseph House—Ensign Jacob Snider & attached to Colonel Campbell's regiment that he knew Captain Jacob Deivendorff (2) and Lieutenant George Countryman—That during that time he stood guard & also went out with the Regiment to Cherry Valley where he remained a few days & then returned home about the first of June 1778—where he remained on duty keeping guard of Fort Plank until about the first of October 1778, when he was released from guard.

That about the middle of July 1779, he went as a substitute for Leonard Kretser (3) under the command of the same officers to Fort Stanwyx (4) where he was under the command of the same officers to Fort Stanwyx where he was under the command of Quarter Master Serjeant Tucker (5) – who belonged as he understood to the Regular Army. That he went as a guard to guard the provision which was then being transported to the fort.—That after about four weeks he returned to Fort Plank where he done duty in guarding the fort, guarding the labours in the field until about the last of October in the same year—When he was for the most of the time discharged until the next season—That in the spring of the year 1780, he went again into service as a volunteer to guard Fort Plank under the same officers but particularly under the command of Lieutenant House that he remained there until about the middle of July of the same year when he was released and from there he went to Fort Plain & to the north side of the Mohawk River opposite Fort Plain where he had an engagement with Sir William Johnson (6)—that at that engagement Colonel DuBois (7) commanded the Regiment to which he belonged that after the Battle he again returned to Fort Plank where he done duty at different times & in different ways by guarding the Fort & the labours until November following when he was released—That during that period he was absent some part of the time but has no doubt he was in service as much at least as three months—

That in the month of March 1781, he enlisted for nine months in Colonel Willett's (8) Regiment in Captain Gross' Company as appears from the certificate of discharge under the hand of Major Josiah Throop (9) & hereto annexed. That in the year 1782 in the spring the particular month he cannot state he thinks it was May he volunteered his services as a Militia man under the command of Colonel Clyde (10) in Joseph House's (11) Company Abraham Copeman his former Captain having been promoted to the office of Major—That he acted as a minute man ready to go when called upon until about the middle of October—

That his duty was to watch the garrison at Fort Plank that he served at different times that season in all has no doubt it was at least three months—That the garrison was commanded during this time by Major Copeman & Colonel Clyde.

That in May 1783 he again volunteered to guard the Forte before mentioned. That he served as a minute man until the latter part of summer 1783 when he was discharge—That the garrison was during this time commanded by Colonel Copeman—

That he was born in Palatine (now Oppenheim) Tryon (now Montgomery) County & State of New York on the 3d day of June 1763—That he has no record of his age except one that his father wrote in the Bible. That he never received any discharge from the service except the one before referred to in the preceding declaration – that he lives now in the town of Openheim [Oppenheim] County & State aforesaid & has lived there ever since the war—That he does not recollect the names of any officers that commanded at that term except those already named—That his is known in his neighborhood by Frederick Baum, Henry Flanders & William Smith—That he 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 and that no clergyman resides in his neighborhood. (Signed) Marcus Dusler

Sworn to the day & year above written. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.
Letter in reply to an inquiry dated August 27, 1939.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Marcus Dusler who in 1840 was aged seventy-eight years and received a pension in Fulton County, New York.

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Marcus Dusler was born June 3, 1763 in Palatine, Tryon County (which were later Oppenheim, Montgomery County) New York, or in Minden, Montgomery County, New York. He made both statements. Names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Minden, near Fort Plank, Montgomery County, New York, Marcus Dusler enlisted May 10, 1778 and served at various times during each year until August 20, 1783, amounting in all to about two and one-half years as private under Captains Abraham Copeman, Peter Beeber (12), Lawrence Gross and Joseph House, Colonels Campbell, Samuel Clyde, Marinus Willett and Copeman (formerly his captain), in the New York troops. During his service a great part of the time he was engaged as guard at Fort Plank and was in battle with Sir John Johnson's forces opposite Fort Plain on the Mohawk River, also in skirmishes with Tories and Indians. (13)

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed September 21, 1832 at which time he was a resident of Oppenheim, Montgomery County, New York.

In 1832 reference was made to a brother of the soldier, his name was not stated.

No reference was made to wife or children.

End Notes—S.10589—Marcus Dusler

1. Abraham Copeman was the Captain of the Sixth Company in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. He was originally appointed on August 26, 1775, under Captain Copeman were Jost or Joseph House as first lieutenant and Jacobus Resner or Rasner, etc., as second lieutenant and no ensign.

Those commissioned in Copeman's Company on June 25, 1777 were George Resner as first lieutenant but he was killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777, Jacob Snyder as second lieutenant and Abraham Arndt as ensign. Unfortunately there are no known muster rolls for Captain Copeman's Company.

2. Jacob Dieffendorf was the Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel Campbell's Regiment. His officers were as follows: George Countryman as first lieutenant, Nicholas Bardt or Bart, Bort, etc. as second lieutenant and Richard Elwood as ensign.
3. Leonard Kretser or Cretser, Kretzer, etc., served as a private and Corporal in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. It is very unusual for a soldier to serve as a substitute in another regiment of Militia unless it was a mixed detachment from both regiments. Kretser did not serve in Copeman's company or later in what became Captain Joseph House's Company.
4. Fort Stanwix was officially renamed about July of 1776 as Fort Schuyler in honor of American Major General Philip Schuyler. The fort was situated in what is now the City of Rome, Oneida County, New York.
5. This is Ensign Joseph Tucker of Colonel Ichabod Alden's Sixth Massachusetts Continental Regiment. He was appointed Paymaster of Alden's Regiment on October 1, 1778.
6. Marcus is in error since Sir William Johnson died on July 11, 1774. He meant Sir John Johnson, who was the son of Sir William Marcus is referring to the Battle of Klock's Field which was fought in the late afternoon of October 19, 1780.
7. Colonel Lewis DuBois was appointed colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies on July 1, 1780. Colonel DuBois was at Fort Rensselaer with part of his regiment and the rest were at different forts in the Mohawk Valley.
8. Marcus enlisted as a private on May 22, 1781 in Captain Lawrence Gros' Company for nine months in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M, 246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
9. Joseph Throop was appointed major in Willett's Regiment on April 28, 1781.
10. Samuel Clyde was commissioned June 25, 1778 as lieutenant-colonel in Colonel Campbell's Regiment.
11. Joseph House was commissioned as Captain of Copeman's Company on March 4, 1780. There were no minute man companies after 1776 in the Tryon County Militia. The militia law was changed on June 5, 1776 by the Provincial Congress as follows: 1st That the distinction between minute men and common militia which seems to be as a consequence of the aforesaid Resolve of the Continental Congress be henceforth abolished, that thereby the militia of the colony may be again reduced to one common mass". FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol. I, p 105, Albany N.Y., Weed Parsons and Company, Printers, 1887. On a muster roll for Captain House's Company for "28 of July Last 1780 to the 28 May 1781", "Markus Dusler 49 days", is what he is listed as serving between those dates. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89 NaTIONAL Archives. On another "A Receipt of Capt'n Joseph House his company in Lieut Collo Samuel Clyds Reghment (Regiment) of Militia in the District September 24th 1784", Marcus is listed with the

following certificates as "Marx Dusler Privet" with nos. 11649 £4 . . 8 . . 9, 10967 £ 0 . . 8 . . 10 and 19092 £ 3 . . 14 . . 8. FROM: Revolutionary War rolls 1175-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

12. Who Peter Beebe is at this time is unknown.

13. Marcus does not mention any battles that he fought in while in Captain Gros' Company but the company fought at the Battles of New Dorach on July 10, 1781 and the Battle of Johnstown on October 25, 1781.