

Pension Application for William Longyear

W.20508 (Widow: Bridget) William Longyear and Bridget Markle married in Marbletown October 25, 1787. William died September 22, 1842.

Declaration of William Longyear in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Abraham G. Hardenbergh one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster aforesaid William Longyear a resident of the town of Kingston in said County of Ulster aged seventy three 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served in the manner and at the times herein after stated.

That in the latter part of the year—1778 as he thinks and believes a company of militia was stationed near his fathers house in the town of Shandaken in the County of Ulster aforesaid near what was then a frontier settlement for the purpose of protecting the Inhabitants of that vicinity from the incursions of the Indians who were then assembled in that quarter in considerable numbers.

That in the latter part of the fall of the said year of 1778 he served as a substitute for some person whose name he cannot now recall to his recollection in the company of New York Militia commanded by Captain John L. Dewitt whereof Peter Osterhoudt was Lieutenant for the term of one month.

That soon after his dismissed from this service his father and family moved from that quarter of the Country into the older and more populous settlements in Ulster County aforesaid to a place near Kingston called Platteskill.

That at the latter place in the early part of the fall or towards the end of the summer of the year 1779 this deponent was drafted as a militia man and joined at Kingston in said County a company commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus.

That this deponent went with said Company to Fishkill in the county of Dutchess when he served with the said company which lay encamped there for the term of one month where this deponent received permission from his commanding officer to return home and that soon after his return home several of his neighbor who were drafted and served with him returned also and informed him that the said company had been discharged.

That in the year 1780 about the time of Harvest this deponent was again drafted in a company of Rangers (he this deponent then still living with his father at Plattekill aforesaid) commanded by Captain Derrick or Frederic, Wastbrook and served for the space of three months long the frontier settlements as they were in the western and southwestern parts of this country and went as far as Shakawken near the junction of the east and west branches of the Delaware River and that after a service

of three months he was regularly discharged with the rest of the said company at Stone Ridge in the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster by Colonel Cantine.

That in the year 1781 this deponent then still residing at Plattekill aforesaid was again drafted as a militia man in the company commanded by Capt. Livingston in a Regiment whereof Albert Pawling was Colonel.

That this deponent served under this last draft in said company for the term of two months in the County of Ulster to protect the settlements thence from Indian depredations and that at the expiration of said term of two months he was regularly discharged.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence of his said services as herein set forth and that he never received at any time a written dismissal from the service but that the said services were all truly performed as herein in his declaration mentioned.

And this deponent further saith that he has resided in the County of Ulster aforesaid at Shandaken and Plattekill until about sixteen years ago and since then in the town of Kingston in said county. That he is now and has been for six years past entirely blind and otherwise afflicted with bodily infirmities.

That the following names persons are living in this county who can testify to the character of this deponent for veracity and to their knowledge and belief of his services as herein mentioned to wit: William Sweet, John C. Brink, Jacob Brink, Joseph David, Martin Jolt and others whose names he cannot now recollect.

And this deponent 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 the agency of any State and further this deponent saith not. (Signed with his mark)
William Longyear

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

Abm G. Hardenbergh, one of the Judges of Ulster Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated May 9, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you state you are compiling a genealogy of the Longyear family and request the records of a number of soldiers of New York with that surname, variously spelled.

A careful search of the records has been made in your behalf and only one record found under any spelling of the surname, which is that of William Longyear. His record is given herein as found in pension claim, W.20508, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

William Longyear was born in Shandaken, Ulster County, New York; the date of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not stated.

While residing with his father in Shandaken, New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1778 and served one month as private in Captain John L. Dewitt's New York company. Soon after the expiration of this tour his father moved with his family from Shandaken to Plattekill, near Kingston, Ulster County, New York, and the soldier enlisted there in the latter part of the summer or early fall of 1779 and served one month as private in

Captain Evert Bogardus' New York company. He enlisted about harvest time of the year 1780 and served three months as private in Captain Derick Westbrook's company of rangers and was discharged by Colonel Cantine. He enlisted in 1781 and served two months as private in Captain Livingston's company, Colonel Albert Pawling's New York regiment, and was engaged in protecting the settlements against Indians depredations.

The soldier resided in Shandaken and Plattekill, Ulster County, New York, until about 1816 when he moved to Kingston, in the same county.

William Longyear was allowed pension on his application executed September 22, 1842, in Woodstock, Ulster County, New York.

Soldier married October 25, 1787, in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, Bridget Markle.

Pension was allowed on the application executed February 18, 1843, by the soldier's widow, Bridget Longyear, at which time she was aged seventy-five years and living in Shandaken, New York. She died April 22, 1844.

The soldier's family record shows the following:

William Longyear and Bridget Markle married October 25, 1787.

Sale (?) (illegible), daughter, born March 31, 1789;.

Polly daughter born August 3 or 4, 1791 (date of month not legible.)

The records of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of Marbletown, New York, shows the following: "Maria, daughter of Wilhelmus Langhyear and Bridghet Merkel, born August 3, 1791, baptized August 30, 1791."

William Longyear's widow, Bridget, was survived by the following two children:

Mary (Maria or Polly) wife of Lodewick Hopkins, in 1843 residing in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York; their son, William G. Hopkins, was aged twenty-four years in 1845 and living in Saugerties, Ulster County, New York.

Catharine Hall, widow of Dr. Larry Hall (residence not stated.)

No charge is made for furnishing the foregoing information.