

Pension Application for Philip Peterson

W.3717 (Widow: Hannah)

B.L.Wt.26138-160-55

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting Philip Peterson a resident of the town of Glenville—in said County & State, aged seventy five 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.

He was born at the Little Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the second day of March 1756 he has no record of his age except that contained in the family Bible.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in Kinderhook N.Y. and since the revolutionary war he has lived at Kinderhook & DeRuyter N.Y. and he now lives in the town of Glenville aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1776 he enlisted and served for the term of one year in Captain John Smith's Company of Rangers—of this company Henry Stevens was first Lieutenant & Henry Yeager Second Lieutenant. The places he marched to while in this service were Kinderhook, Spencertown, New Lebanon, New Concord, & Claverack.

He received a discharge from said Company signed by Lieutenants Stevens aforesaid – which discharge has long since been lost.

In the year 1777, he was pursuant to a draft called out in the militia & served under Captain Abraham VanBuren in Colonel VanAlstine's Regiment. His other Company & field officers whom he recollects were Jas Wynkoop Lieutenant {blank} House Ensign & House Major and he the Claimant continued to serve in the said company of Captain VanBuren until the end of said war. The different terms he served in expeditions alone while in said company of Captain VanBuren greatly exceeded one year.

He was out to Johnstown & Canajoharie in the fall of the year 1781, when Walter Butler was killed for the term of seven or eight weeks.

He served as a scout for 8 or nine weeks in the County north of Fort Hunter & took several Indians prisoners & escorted them to Fort Hunter aforesaid.

He has performed garrison duty at Stone Arabia one week—also at Fort Plain, Fort Ann, Fort Edward, Upper Fort in Schoharie two weeks under said Captain VanBuren.

He moreover engaged in many expeditions & tours not now recollected.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments

or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Captain Harman Fosberry & his company, Lieut. Crawford, Colonels VanSchaick & Dubois, General Ten Broeck, Captain John Phillips.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. David Jackson & John Brown.

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 the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Philip Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk