

Pension Application for Peter Relyea

S.14279

DECLARATION. *In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.*

STATE OF NEW-YORK

County of Albany SS.

On the sixth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting Peter Relyea of Guilderland in the county of Albany and state of New York aged seventy seven 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, and served as herein state.

That he was born Poughkeepsie on the 5 Feby 1756 where [????] in the record of the Dutch Church, that he was enrolled as a militia man in the year 1775, in a company commanded by Capt. Volkert Veeder and in Col. Schuylers Regt. And marched from the Norman's Kill (from Guilderland) under the command of Capt. VanAernam to Lake George, and lay encamped near the fort and continued in service there until the regiment to which he belonged were dismissed and he returned home, having been out one month.

That in the year 1776 he was ordered out and marched under Capt. John Groot of the same regiment to Schoharie and were garrisoned in the middle fort there where the same the command either by Col. Peter Vrooman and Lt Col. Ziele, but which of them this declarant cannot recollect, and did duty in that fort during that year for two months.

That in the year 1777 this declarer was ordered at out under the same Capt. Groot, wherewith Capt. VanAernman & his company and the Albany Militia marched to Saratoga, and were encamped on the flat a short distance below General Schuyler's house and mills, and were thence on a short distance from Schenectady marched to that place and were billeted amongst the inhabitants in that place until the alarm had subsided and then marched back from Schenectady as far as the Cohoes falls, where the militia were met by an Express, whereupon the militia were dismissed at that place and returned home, having been out on this tour two months.

In 1778 this declarer was again ordered out with the company under Capt. Groot, and marched to the lower fort at Schoharie and remained under garrison there during the greater part of the year and returned from thence late in the fall of the year, having on this occasion served the full three months. That in the year 1778 he was ordered out to march to Schoharie under his former Capt. John Groot and remained in the dwelling house (a large stone house of George Minn) –and marched from thence back to Schoharie at the time that place as closed, had when a skirmish took place belonging the Militia and the Indians and Tories under Butler and Brant, and after the enemy had destroyed the habitations of the inhabitants and killed their cattle, land having gone off, the militia were dismissed and returned home having been out on this tour six weeks.

In the same year he was again out on duty with the same Capt. On a scouting party though he was again out on duty with the same capt. On a scouting party though woods between the Beaverdam and the Susquehanna River and returned after a [?] of eight days—and for the said services he claims a pension.

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) Peter Relyea

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open court. J. W. Wasson, Clk.