

### **Pension Application for Peter Ryel**

W.18848 (Widow: Mehitable) Married May 13, 1782, Peter died Dec 29, 1843. Mehitable died July 5, 1845.

Lewis County SS.

On this eighteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Lewis now sitting, Peter Ryel a resident of the Town of Denmark in the County of Lewis and State of New York 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 7, 1832.

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

In the year 1777, in the first week in September he entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Waterbury, Lieutenant Wilson in the Regiment of New York Militia commanded by Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff and Major Gee. That he joined the company forthwith at Peekskill Hollow N.Y. and was stationed there until forts Clinton & Montgomery were taken by the British and the British Fleet sailed down the Hudson to New York. He then marched through the Highlands to Fishkill barracks and was stationed there in Captain Bridgets Company under the command of Colonel Hughs and Major Keys until the first week in February following when he was discharged by Captain Bridget having served five months.

That in the last week in April in the year 1778, he enlisted in the Army of the United States with Captain Graham and served in the Second Regiment of the New York line under the following named officers; Colonel VanCortland, Lieut. Colonel Weissenfelt, Captain Newkirk, & Lieutenant Wissenfelt.

That he marched from Fishkill N.Y. though [through] Newburgh, Goshen and Easton to Valley Forge and joined the army under Washington; that he was engaged in the Army under Washington; that he was engaged in the battle of Monmouth march[ed] from there to White Plains N.Y. and encamped. Marched from there to White Plains N.Y. and encamped mached [Marched] from there to Fredericksburgh Dutchess County N.Y. where Colonel VanCortlands Regiment left the main army and marched to Peekskill; then up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie crossed the river marched to [Humbackus?] to winter quarters and on eth thirteenth day of April 1779 he received a Discharge from Captain Newkirk having served in the regular service upwards of eleven months.

That in the first week in September in the year 1779 he again entered the service as a substitute for Ezra Thompson in Captain George Brinkerhoff's Company in Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff's Regiment in the Brigade of New York Militia commanded by General Swartwout, that he was stationed at Fishkill for the term of three months and was discharged at the expiration of that period.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer and served as a sergeant in a Company of Volunteers raised to go to the Northern part of the State of New York to

fight the Indians and was commanded by Captain Henry Humphrey Swartwout, Cornelius Adriana and Ensign Nelson.

He entered the service about the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1780, marched from Fishkill to Albany where he was stationed until orders were given to march up the Mohawk, when he marched to Schenectady where the company were met by Colonel Wissenfelt with his regular troops. He then marched to Saratoga on the Hudson. From there to Fort Edward and escorted a large number of Prisoners from there to Skeensboro under a Flag of Truce, returned to Saratoga and encamped by order of Major Rosecrants commanding the regular troops at that place where he remained until his term of service expired being fire months was discharged about the first of January 1781.

That he resided at the time of entering the service as above specified int he Town of Phillipstown Dutchess County New York.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except his brother John Ryel whose affidavit is hereto annexed and who now as he is informed resides somewhere in the Territory of Michigan.

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 or if any only on that of the State of New York. (Signed) Peter Ryel

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Carles P. Scovil, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated March 25, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of Peter Ryel is given herein as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.18848, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Peter Ryel, while a resident of Philipptown, Dutchess County, New York, enlisted and served in the New York troops as follow: from the first week In September 1777, as private in Captain Waterbury's company, Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoof's regiment and in Captain Bridget's company, Colonel Hughes' regiment, length of service five months; from the last week in April 1776, as private in Captains Graham's and Newkirk's companies, Colonel; VanCortland's regiment, was in the battle of Monmouth,. And continued in service until April 13, 1779; from the first week in September 1779, three months as private in Captain George Brinkerhoff's company, Colonel Abraham Brinkerhoff's regiment; and from August 10, 1780, five months as sergeant in Captain Henry Humphreys' Company engaged against the Indians up the Mohawk.

The soldier moved in 1811 or 1812 from Columbia County, New York, to Lewis County, in that state.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 18, 1832, at which time he resided in Denmark, Lewis County, New York. He was then seventy-three years of age, date and place of his birth not shown.

Peter Ryel died December 29, 1843, in Denmark, New York.

Peter Ryel married May 13, 1782, Mehetabel Washburn; the ceremony was performed by a Baptists clergyman, who resided in Philipps [sic] Precinct, Dutchess County, New York.

Mehetable Ryel, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed June 3, 1845, at which time she was aged eighty-three years, and resident In Denmark, Lewis County, New York. She died August 26, 1851.

In 1845, Andrew Ryel, the eldest son of peter Ryel and his wife, Mehetable, was a resident of Denmark, New York, aged then sixty-two years. The names of their other children who were born previous to 1794, were given as Isaac, Hannah and John. In 1847, Hiram C. Ryel witnessed the signature of the above noted widow, Mehetable Ryel, but no relationship between them was stated.

Soldier's brother, John Ryel, who was [blot] years and some months younger, was a resident of Benton, Lewis County, New York, in 1831.