

Pension Application for Peter S. Schuyler

W.17778 (Widow: Catharine) Peter was granted pension of \$320.00 per annum.

State of New York

City and County of Albany SS.

I, Abraham Ten Eyck Jun'r one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Albany, do certify that Peter S. Schuyler of the Town of Watervliet in said County, Esquire, having in the course of the past week, been attacked with a paralytic Stroke, whereby his health is so much impaired, as to disqualify him for attending at Court to make his declaration, in order to obtain a pension for Revolutionary Services, under the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832, and that the said Peter S. Schuyler residing in the said town of Watervliet, within the distance of one mile from my own residence in the said town to wit, at the Village of Port Schuyler, he the said Peter S. Schuyler was attended by me the said Judge, at his own residence and there in the presence of the Reverend Robert Bronk Pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the United Villages of Gibbonsville & Port Schuyler, and of James Van Ingen of the City of Albany, a Solicitor and Counsellor in the court of Chancery of the State aforesaid, made the following declaration to wit: that he was born in the Town, where he now resides on the 12th day of May 1758—

That he entered the Service of the United States in the militia of New York in Capt. Ostroms (1) Company and in Col. Philip P. Schuyler's Regt. in the commencement of the year 1776, and marched with the expedition against Sir John Johnson, and was present at the time he surrendered himself to General Schuyler and General Ten Broeck—

That the [he] entered the service of the United States in the militia of New York in Capt. Ostroms Company and in Col. Philip P. Schuyler's (2) Regt in the commencement of the year 1776, and marched with the expedition against Sir John Johnson, and was present at the time he surrendered himself to General Schuyler and General Ten Broeck—

That the company to which he belonged elected him their Lieutenant—Sometime in or about the month of June in the same year, he the Declarer was appointed a member of a Court martial which was ordered to assemble in the City of Albany for the trial of Tories and disaffected persons in various parts of the County of Albany; That Col. Jacob Lansing Jr. (3) was President of the said Court martial; Jeremiah Lansing Esqr. Judge Advocate, Major Myndert Wemple (4) and Capt. John Ouderkirk (5) were member of said Court martial; all of whom, as this deponent believes are long since deceased. That in the autumn of the same year, he marched from Albany under the same officers as before, in company with the Albany City Regt. Commanded by Col. Abraham Cuyler (6) for Lake George at which Post, Col. Peter Gansevoort (7) then Commanded, with which officer this Declarer was intimately acquainted, and after having remained there with Col. Schuyler's Regt, until it was discharged, returned home—

In the following year 1777, he this Declarer was again ordered out with the Watervliet Regt. under the Command of Col. Philip P. Schuyler and the same company, officers with the addition of Jacob Weaver, as the other Lieutenant of the Company to which this Declarer belonged, and were ordered to march to Saratoga to join the army under the Command of Major General Gates, (8) which having joined at Van Schaick's Island, the regiment proceeded to Bemus's heights and served out that campaign and was present when Burgoyne (9) and his army Surrendered, and recollects the circumstances of General Arnold's (10) being wounded, and the British General Frazer (11) being killed—

That this Declarer was at the time attached to General Glover's brigade—That from a late paralytic affection, he this Declarer cannot after a lapse of more than half a Century, now recollect many of the names of the officers with whom he then served—He however still remembers Major Ebenezer Stevens (12) of the Artillery—

That this Declarer after the year 1777 was in all or nearly all the expeditions with the Company in which he was Lieutenant as aforesaid, and which was afterwards confirmed by Governor Clinton (13) and the Council of Appointment, as by reference to the annexed certificate will be seen—against the Tories, Indians and British in Schoharie and in the Valley of the Mohawk, having been

stationed at different times, at two of the forts in Schoharie, at Fort Hunter, at Fort Herkimer under Governor Clinton, General Robert Van Rensselaer (14) with Col. Abraham Wemple, with Col. Bruyen (15), Col. Harper (16), Col. Peter Vrooman, Col. Ziele (17), and other field and Staff Officers not now recollected until the close of the revolutionary War, and that he has several times been ordered out before having been at home a single day after having returned from a previous tour or expedition:

This declarer doth further State that during the whole of the whole of the time before mentioned, he Served as Lieutenant in Said Company, to which he was elected by those belonging to it, until he was appointed in manner aforesaid.—

That he does not recollect at this distance period of time, the different periods of his Service, or the time of entering the same, or of his being discharged therefrom; but he doth confidently believe, & doth therefore declare, that as he has performed military duty in each year, more or less, during the Continuance of the seven years war, the whole period of his services have exceeded two years—

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 S. Schuyler

Sworn to and Subscribed this 23rd day of August 1832. Abraham Ten Eyck, June, Judge County Court.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of 7th July 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & Pensions to certain Widows".

State of New York

Albany County Town of Watervliet

On this tenth day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty eight at her own dwelling house in the town aforesaid personally appeared, before me Abel W. Richardson a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Albany aforesaid Catherine Schuyler a resident of the town of WaterVliet aged seventy four years on the Seventeenth day of April last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

That she is the widow of Peter S. Schuyler who, as she has been informed and verily believes, was a Lieutenant in Col. Philip P. Schuyler's Regiment of New York Militia during the Revolutionary War that she has no personal knowledge of the service of her said husband; but refers respectfully to his declaration made in the month of August 1832 and to the several papers afterwards submitted in support of his claim, and upon which a certificate was on the ninth day of February 1833 granted, to her, as the widow of the said deceased, authorizing her to receive the amount which would have been due to him up to the time of his Death; a copy of which certificate was Submitted to the Commissioners of Pensions with her letter of 27th August 1838—

She further declares that she was married to the said Peter S. Schuyler on the fifth day of December Seventeen hundred and Eighty nine and that her husband died on the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty two and she has since that time remained a widow. That she was not married to said deceased prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred Ninety four Viz: On the fifth day of December seventeen hundred and eighty nine as above stated—

She further declares that the paper herewith submitted containing a record of the birth of her husband and herself and of their marriage and also the birth of their children and the death of some of them was, for the purpose of being herewith transmitted, torn out of a Dutch Bible which her said husband inherited from her father in the year 1793, and which remained in his possession to the time of his death and since that time her possession and that said record as far back as her recollection extends is strictly true. (Signed) Catherine Schuyler.

Letter of inquiry dated November 10, 1938 in the pension folder.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Pieter Schuyler who lived in the Mohawk Valley as late as 1785, also the parentage of Alida Schuyler who married George Herkimer on November 15, 1768.

This office has no general genealogical data on file, and Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land which have been made to the United States, based upon service in that war. A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the Revolutionary War service of George Herkimer.

You are furnished herein the Revolutionary War record of Peter S. Schuyler, as found in claim for pension W. 17778, based on his service in that war. This is the record of the only Peter Schuyler found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The name was searched under similar spellings.

Peter S. Schuyler was born May 12, 1758, at Watervliet, Albany County, New York. The names of his parents were not designated.

Peter S. Schuyler was elected, early in 1776, Lieutenant in Captain Ostrom's Company in Colonel Philip P. Schuyler's New York regiment, marched in the expedition against Sir John Johnson and was present when he surrendered to General Schuyler; he was appointed a member of a Court Martial held in Albany for the trial of Tories and others, and in the fall of 1776, was stationed near Lake George; he was in the campaign around Saratoga, was in the battle there and present when Burgoyne surrendered. He continued to serve as lieutenant at various times in same company and regiment, until the close of the war, was in several expeditions against Indians and Tories, in the Mohawk Valley, was stationed at Forts Herkimer and Hunter, length of this service as much as two years.

Peter S. Schuyler applied for pension August 23, 1832, then a resident of Watervliet, New York. The pension was allowed. He died in said Watervliet, November 1, 1832.

Peter S. Schuyler married December 3, 1789, Catherine (Caty) Cuyler. She was born April 17, 1764, place not stated, nor are the names of her parents designated.

She was allowed pension on her application executed September 10, 1838, then a resident of Watervliet, New York where she continued to live in 1850.

She died September 28, 1855.

The following data in regard to the children of Peter S. Schuyler, and wife, Catherine, are shown in the claim.

Engelica Born September 8, 1790, died September 24, 1793

Susanna Born April 17, 1793, died September 17, 1793

Engelica Born January 25, 1795, died July 16, 1796

4th daughter Born July 18, 1797, died the same day

Engelica Born October 7, 1798

John Cuyler Born December 1, 1801.

Stephen Reuben born December 5, 1804.

Sons, John Cuyler Schuyler, and Stephen Reuben Schuyler were both in 1833 living in Albany County, New York; John Cuyler Schuyler at this time referred to his father-in-law, no name given, and to his "Uncle Reuben". John Cuyler Schuyler gave his address in 1838, Watervliet, New York.

Philip S. Schuyler, brother of Peter S. Schuyler, was in 1833 of Watervliet, New York, and served in the Revolution with him.

One Jacob Cuyler was of New York in 1776; it was not stated that he was related to the widow, Catherine, nor was it shown that the Colonel Philip P. Schuyler under whom Peter. S Schuyler served during the Revolution, was a relative.

The papers on file in the claim contained no further discernible date in regard to family.

End Notes—W.17778—Peter S. Schuyler

1. Peter was appointed Ensign on October 20, 1775 in Captain Peter Schuyler's Company (Third Company) in Colonel Abraham TenBroeck's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia. On February 20, 1776 Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Nicholl was appointed Colonel of the regiment

as Colonel TenBroeck had been appointed Brigadier General of the Albany County Militia. On June 22, 1778, Philip P. Schuyler was commissioned Colonel of the regiment because Nicholl had resigned. On this same date Second Lieutenant Henry Ostrom was commissioned Captain, Jacob Weaver as the First Lieutenant, Philip Hemstreet as the Second Lieutenant and Peter S. Schuyler as Ensign. On March 4, 1780 Peter was commissioned Second Lieutenant because Hemstreet had declined the commission.

2. Major General Philip Schuyler.
3. Jacob Lansing Jr. was Colonel of the First Regiment of Albany County Militia.
4. Myndert M. Wemple, Second Major in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of Albany County Militia.
5. Possibly he is referring to John Onderdonk who was the First Lieutenant in Captain William H. Hun's Company in the First Albany. Onderdonk was later cashiered.
6. Abram Cuyler was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Albany. He was commissioned Colonel on March 3, 1780 because Lansing had resigned.
7. In 1776 Peter Gansevoort was the Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Continental Regiment. Gansevoort was appointed Colonel of the Third New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776. He was appointed Brigadier General of the First Brigade of the Albany County Militia on March 26, 1781 since Ten Broeck had resigned.
8. Major General Horatio Gates who replaced Major General Philip Schuyler as Commander of the Northern Army which was then at or near Saratoga; now the present day Village of Schuylerville, Saratoga County, NY.
9. General John Burgoyne, who, was commanding a British Army which marched down the Hudson River towards Albany, was stopped near Stillwater. On October 17, 1777 Burgoyne surrendered his army to General Gates.
10. Major General Benedict Arnold was wounded on October 7, 1777 at the Battle of Bemus Heights.
11. General Simon Fraser was probably the most liked and able general that General Burgoyne had under his command.
12. Ebenezer Stevens was appointed major May 27, 1777 of an Independent Battalion of Artillery.
13. Governor George Clinton.
14. Robert VanRensselaer was appointed Brigadier General of the Second Brigade, Albany County Militia, on June 16, 1780.
15. Lieutenant-Colonel Jacobus S. Bruyn of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment.
16. Colonel John Harper of the Fifth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. May 11, 1780, he was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of a regiment of New York State Levies.
17. Colonel Peter Vrooman and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter W. Zielie of the Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.