

Pension Application for Peter Shoemaker

W.24947 (Widow: Maria Wolver. Married Peter in the fall of 1777 in the Dutch Reformed denomination in Kingston by Mr. Arundel.)

Private, Col. Snyder's Regiment. Peter died September 11, 1834.

State of New York

County of Greene SS.

I Lyman Demain the Surrogate of the said County of Greene, do hereby certify that at a Surrogates court holden before me at my office in Durham in said County on the 17th day of August 1849, satisfactory evidence was adduced before the said surrogate that Peter Shoemaker, a pensioner of the United States died in the County of Albany New York September 11th 1834 and that he left a widow, to wit—Mariah Shoemaker who applied for a pension as his widow, and remained his widow till her death and that she died his widow in Green county on the 3rd day of October 1848 leaving at her death the following named children, being her only children, her surviving and all & whom still survive here, and each of whom are over the age of twenty one years, that the said widow died in the said county of Green New York—Surviving children are as follows to wit—Godfry Shoemaker, James Shoemaker, Hannah Rose, and Peggy Dice all of said County of Green, and Betsey Hollenback of Albany County New York.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my official seal and subscribed my name on this 17th day of August 1849. L. Tremain Greene, County Judge acting as surrogate.

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 15th day of January 1833, personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany in the State aforesaid Peter Shoemaker a resident of the Town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 84 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.

He first entered the said service at the then town of Kingston, now town of Saugerties in the County of Ulster in the State of New York in the month of March 1780. (The militia having been called for.) as a volunteer and joined Capt. Moses Youmans Company and Colo. Snyder's Regiment and served as a private soldier for the term of six months, and was dismissed in the fall of the year, think in the month of November of the same years—He was marched during this campaign to the Mountains in Ulster County at a place called Shandaken to resist the attack made by the Indians and there staid and kept guard untill his said term of six months expired. The Indians at this time burnt a house belonging to Capt. Snyder, and committed other outrages in the neighbourhood.

He again entered the said service at Kingston aforesaid in the spring of the year 1781, a volunteer and joined Capt. Hummels Company in Colo. Snyder's regiment for the term of six months as a private soldier, Colo. Snyder's regiment having been called out at this time, that he was immediately marched to Hurley, Marletown, Shandaken and other places along the lines and back to the mountains where he was employed during the whole of this service and until his term expired in keeping guard and resisting the attacks of the Indians, and defending the inhabitants from their incursions. He was dismissed about the 20th of November in this year having served out his term of six months and then returned home.

He again entered the said service at Kingston aforesaid a volunteer and joined Capt. Hummels Company and Colo Snyder's regiment the last of March 1782 for the term of seven months, and was marched to a place called Wynkoops in the now town of Saugerties in the said county of Ulster, where

Colo Snyder's regiment joined a regiment of six months men commanded by Colo Livingston, where they staid and kept guard the greater part of the season. He was then marched to Shandaken and there staid and kept guard a short time and from there was marched to Marbletown in the said county where he staid a short time, and from there was marched to Hurley where he staid until his term of seven months expired, and was dismissed about the first of November 1782 and then returned home, he served at this time also as a private soldier. He was frequently out at other times for short periods, to resist the aggressions of the Indians and British, the regiment he belonged to having been frequently called out on alarms to protect the defenceless inhabitants.

He was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and served as a private soldier in an embodied corps for the term of one year and seven months and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born at Canters Kill in the now County of Ulster in the State of New York on the 28th day of August A.D. 1748 and has a record of his age on the records of the Dutch Church the Town of Saugerties in the County of Ulster aforesaid and there is also a record of his age in his father's family Bible now in possession of his Sisters.

He resided at the said town of Saugerties at the time he entered the said service where he continued to reside until he removed to the said town of Renssalaerville in his present place of residence where he has lived for the last forty five years. He was in no battles.

He does not recollect the names of the regular officers he might of seen nor does he know of any Continental or militia regiments he served with except Colo. Livingston's regiment.

He never rec'd a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service, except Aaron Winne although he has made use of every exertion in his power to find witnesses—There is no clergyman he can procure to certify for him according to the regulations as there is none residing in the vicinity of neighbourhood of this declarant nor any one that he knows nearer than Ulster County.

He is known to Henry C. Burham, David Young, Aaron Winne, Jeremiah Young, Josiah Brown, Charles F. Bouton, Epenetus Spridge, and Joseph Rone, and others who reside in this present neighbourhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He resides upwards of 30 miles from the city of Albany where the Courts of Record for the County of Albany are held, and is now confined to his house by reason of a broken leg and old age and is wholly unable to go to the Court or even leave his house, even if he is deprived of a pension on that account.

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.

He is unable to write his name having never been taught to write. (Signed with his mark) Peter Shoemaker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore Judge of Albany County Courts.