

Pension Application for Peter Sitts

W.6056 (Widow: Margaret. Married February 10, 1799, by the Rev. Mr. Dislen, Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church. Probably she means Rev. John Henry Dysslin pastor of the old Klock Church which in 1804 became St. John's Reformed Church in St. Johnsville. There is a gap in the church records, 1794-1816, those pages have been torn out of the record book. Ajberry, transcriber)

Peter died May 12, 1844.)

Private, Captain Gray, Colonel Gansevoort

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On the ninth day of December 1828 personally appeared in open court in the County Court of Montgomery, being a Court of Record in said County Peter Sitts resident in said county, aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said Peter Sitts enlisted for the term of nine months in the month of March as deponent thinks in the year 1779 as deponent thinks in the State of New York in the company commanded by Capt. Gray in the New York Regiment, commanded by Col. Gansevoort in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of said nine months when he was discharged in the now town of Minden on the Mohawk River in the State of New York; that he subsequently enlisted and served in the same company and regiment, & served another nine months and was discharged at the same place that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, except the present, that his name had been placed on the pension list; that the number of his pension certificate is 3733; and that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property because although this deponent was when he was placed on the pension list largely in debt, he supposed as he was then better able to labor than he is now and had in his possession some little property, that it was doubtful whether he should be continued on the pension list, this deponent then supposed, that he was entitled to some more land in the right of his wife than he at present possesses, but it is now ascertained that he was mistaken.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts of debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed that since the 18th day of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. I then owned three common priced horses, and now own three other common priced horses. I then owned three cows and now own three cows but they are not the same cows. (Signed with his mark) Peter Sitts.

Sworn & declared on the ninth day of December 1828, in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk of said Court.

An amount of the debts owing by me Peter Sitts, December 8th, 1828.

John Brookman (money borrowed of him) \$217.88
Adam Sitts, for service & labour, besides interest 58.00
Geo. Bauder (dressing cloth) 10.00
John J. Dievendorff (Merchants goods) 3.75
Daniel C. Ellis (Merchants goods) 1.50
John Warner (Merchants goods) 8.00
Robert Hall (Merchants goods) 8.00
Jacob Lindsey (Leather) 3.50
John Kane (Harness) 11.50
Jacob Weiting (Leather) 1.50
Jacob H. Harder (Merchants goods) 2.00

\$324.13

Schedule of Property of Pete Sitts

A life estate in 100 acres of land \$150.00
3 horses 130.00
3 cows 30.00
1 old wagon 12.00
Harness 8.00
1 sleigh, old 6.00
Hay & grain 40.00

\$376.00

The occupation of Peter Sitts is that of a farmer—he is old and infirm and not able to labour much, and is often sick and confined either to his house or bed.—The names of his family residing with him; are Margaret Sitts his wife aged about 60 years, who is often sick and is quite infirm, and a good part of the time unable to labour, James Sitts, son of Peter Sitts, aged 21 years, able to labour, Eve Dum, a niece an orphan aged 20 years able to labour, Maria Nellis the daughter of Peter Sitts and wife of Robert Nelles, who three years ago run away and left her, the said Peter Sitts has to support her and three small children.—Mr. Nelles enjoys pretty good health. The

names of her children are David aged about ten years, Fanny aged about six years; and James aged about three years.

The said Peter Sitts expects soon to be obliged to sell his land to pay the money due to Mr. John Brookman and his other creditors. His neighbours all tell him that if his creditors were all to press him for payment he should not be able to raise from the sale of his property enough to pay his debts. December 9th 1828. (Signed with his mark) Peter Sitts.

Letter dated March 26, 1940.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Peter Sitts, a Revolutionary War soldier who was pensioned while living in Minden, Montgomery County, New York.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in the pension claim, W.6056, based on the military service of Peter Sitts.

The date and place of birth of Peter Sitts and names of his parents are not shown.

Peter Sitts enlisted in New York State and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from March, 1779, nine months in Captain Gray's company in Colonel Gansevoort's regiment; from April 1780, nine months in Captain Gray's company in Colonel Gansevoort's regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1818, at which time he was living in Danube, New York, and stated he was then "aged fifty-six years and upwards."

In December, 1828, he was living in Montgomery County, New York and stated he was then sixty-nine years of age.

Peter Sitts died May 12, 1844, in Minden, Montgomery County, New York.

This soldier married February 10, 1799, Margaret Thumb.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 8, 1851, at which time she was a resident of Minden, New York, and she stated that she was then aged "eighty-one years and upwards."

Reference was made to the following children of Peter and Margaret Sitts: Susanna, who was born October 15, 1800; Adam, who was born September 20, 1802; James who was twenty-one years of age in 1828; and Maria who married Robert Nellis and their children were—David, Fanny, and James, aged about ten, about six and about three years, respectively, in 1828.

On Henry Sitts made an affidavit in Otsego County, New York, in 1818 relative to the Revolutionary War service of Peter Sitts but no relationship is shown.

In 1828, the soldier, Peter Sitts, referred to his orphan niece, Eve Dum, aged twenty years.

In 1851, Adam Thumb, resident of Oppenheim, Fulton County, New York, aged seventy-five years, stated he was the brother of the widow, Margaret Sitts.