

Pension Application for Peter Vansickle

S.9497

The State of Ohio

Delaware County SS

Be it remembered that on the Twenty fourth in the year eighteen hundred and thirty six personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Delaware and State of Ohio now in session Peter VanSickle a resident of Kingston Township in the said County aged eighty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

I the said Peter Van Sikle [sic] on my said oath state that I entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit:--

I Peter VanSicle was born in the State of New Jersey. I have no record of my age and do not know my precise age but according to the best information I have received from my parents and others I am now in my eighty seventh year of age. When about 22 years of age I settled in Ulster County in New York, on the North River.

In 1776 I was called out with the militia upon an alarm and marched to Ft. Montgomery on the North River. I cannot recollect what time in the year it was when I was called out but I recollect that I served this tour under Capt. Robeson and Genl Geo. Clinton commanded at Fort Montgomery, we were soon discharged and returned home after I had served ten days.

Soon after this I believe in the same year, I volunteered to serve five months in the New York militia. I joined my company at Old Shangum [Shawangunk] in Ulster County. My Capt. Was John Grains, Lieutenants John brown & John Johnson in a Regiment commanded by Col Paullen & Major Logan. We first marched to New Windsor where we embarked an landed near the Kingsbridge where we remained some weeks under the command of Genl Geo. Clinton was marched next to Long Island, then back to Kingbridge then to Morrissania, then to Horse Neck, then back to the White Plains, where we were in a severe fight with the enemy. During this time I was with so many different troops of every description I cannot recollect their numbers or description.

We then next marched from the White Plains up the North River to some place, where we had some weeks under the command of Genl Clinton. We next marched to Pekeskill [Peekskill], then to Murders Creek, where I was discharged by Capt Graimes, rec'd no written discharge. I served in this town five months & twenty days having been detained in the service twenty days after my term had expired before I was discharged.

I next was called out with the militia upon an alarm and marched to Esopus where that place was burnt by the enemy. I was in this tour only four days.

The next after the burning of Esopus I volunteered to serve a tour with the Militia, marched from Ulster County under a sergent whose name I think was Decker with ten men upon an Indian Scout to the Delaware river to a place called the

Cookhome, we then returned to Ulster County where we were discharged after I had served eight days. This detachment under Sergeants command was a detachment from Capt. Robersons company.

I believe I served another tour in the militia but cannot recollect the particulars.

I cannot state the precise length of time that I served as above stated, but I can now recollect that I served at least six months & four days in the manner above stated as a private soldier in the war of the revolution no part of which was spent in any civil employment & for which I now claim a pension.

I lived in the state of New York (in Ulster & Tompkins Counties 1813? When I moved to [Calia?] County Ohio where I resided until 1819 when I removed to Delaware County where I now reside.

There are no clergyman residing in my neighbourhood but can refer to the following names persons who can testify as to my character and of their belief of my service to wit. Cornelius Richards, John VanSickle Esqr, Mr. James Starks, Wm Steward Esqr, Mr. Joseph Scott, Joel J. Windenhall Esqr.

I never received any written discharge, and have no documentary evidence, and know of no person by whom I can prove my service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn & subscribed in open court. (Signed with his mark) Peter VanSickle.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of my office this the 18th day of August A.D. 1836. Thomas Reynolds, Clerk

Letter in folder dated September 6, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Peter van Sickle, who was born in Hunterdon, New Jersey, served from New York, and married Catherine Hoffman.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and only one claim for pension found based upon service of a Peter Van Sickle. His record is furnished you herein as found in the papers on file in that claim, S.9497.

Peter Van Sickle was born in the State of New Jersey; the date of his birth and names of his parents were not given. At the age of about twenty-five years, he settled in Ulster County, New York "on the North River", and resided in the vicinity of Shawangunk, in said county, at the time of the Revolutionary War.

He enlisted first, in 1776, and served a tour of ten days as private in Captain Robson's Company of New York militia and marched to Fort Montgomery, shortly afterwards, he enlisted and served five months and twenty days as private in Captain John graham's company, Colonel Pawling's New York regiment, during which he marched to King's Bridge to Bersneck, thence to White Plains and was in the battle there, and later next a tour of four days at the time Esopus was burned, names of officers not given; he served a tour of eight days in [1778?] under sergeant Decker, scouting on the Delaware River.

The soldier continued to reside in Ulster County, New York, after the war, and resided since in Tompkins County, in that state; he moved in 1815 to Gallia County, Ohio, and resided until 1819, when he moved to Delaware County in that same state.

Peter Van Sickle was allowed pension on his application executed June 30, 1836, at which time he resided in Kingston Township, Delaware County, Ohio. H gave his age then as eighty-seven years.

In 1836, the soldier referred to his wife but did not state her name, nor the date and place of their marriage. He stated that a number of his wife's relatives were in the service with him but did not give their names.

In 1836, one Selah Van Sickle made affidavit in behalf of the soldier in Delaware County, Ohio; one John Van Sickle, Esq., was a neighbor of the soldier's at that time. No relationship between these persons and the soldier's family was stated.