

### **Pension Application for Adolph Wallerath (Walrath, Walradt)**

W.18275 (Anna) Pension granted to Adolph \$46.08 per annum. Anna received 10.44 per annum. Adolph died 15 June 1837, Jefferson County  
State of New York  
Montgomery County SS

On this Nineteenth day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Montgomery, Adolph Walradt a resident of the town of Oppenheim in the county of Montgomery & State of New York aforesaid, formerly the County of Tryon aged seventy-one years last April and 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 passed by Congress June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers here mentioned and served as hereafter stated. (VYL) That he was enrolled in the year 1777 in a company of Militia commanded by Captain John Breadbeck. (1) And in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Jacob Klock & Lieut Col. Peter Waggoner. (2)

That this applicant declares, that emediatly [immediately] after he arrived to the age of Sixteen in compliance with the orders of his superior Officers as also in conformity to the Resolution passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1775. That it was Resolved by the old Congress That the Militia of New York be armed and Trained and in constant readiness to Act at a Moment's Warning.

That this Claimant conformable to the foregoing hath always kept himself well armed and acquipt [equipped] and always in readiness and actually did turn out on all, each and Every Emergency when called upon in Guarding against the incursions of the Common Enemy and in support of his Common Cause—And that this Applicant declares it to be impractible for him to describe all the dates relative to his duties and Services performed during and to the close of the War.

That this Claimant declares that in the summer 1779 he was forced with a number of other of the Militia with Waggons & Horses, drawing Batous [bateau] to Lake Otsego, distance of about 20 miles to Lake Otsego from the Mohawk River, Gen'l Sullivan's Expedition (3) to the west among the Indians for about three weeks.

This Claimant further declares that he hath been prepared several times to go to the Little Falls Now Herkimer County & drawing boats over fording places vizt when whole company of Boatmen with their boats in Co. went up the Mohawk river to Fort Stanwix and Fort Dayton with supplies to the Garrison Pressed to take Provisions with teams to Fort Stanwix—Also gone to war with the militia under the Command of Col. Klock twice to now Herkimer County Then Tryon County once to Town of German Flats, and west to Town of Herkimer where murder & prisoners taken & General Conflagration caused by the cruel Incendieries from Canada as to the No. of days he does not recollect—he was gone from home, drafted to Fort Blank with others there stationed for he believes two weeks—frequently and often stationed at Fort Paris for service and often times, for at least 3 years, calculating and averaging a two months annually watching and Guarding against the incursions of the Enemy.

That this applicant further declares that he has been in that Memorable Battle then under the Emidient Command of Col. Brown (4) Generally called Browns battle, in town of Palatine when Col. Brown was Slain in Battle and about 45 killed on the retreat of Col. Browns men & Militia—

And again on the same day in pursuit of Sir John Johnson at a distance of about Eight Miles up along the Mohawk river in Battle on Failings and Klocks flats when Tories, Indians, with their Commander took flight where he the claimant kept on the ground to the last, this general Conflagration took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1780. (5)

This applicant further declares That on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1781, marching out with his Capt. John Zielly & Company to Johnstown Battle, there joining Under the Emedient Command of Col. Willett. (6) Which became a Serious Conflict against Maj'r Ross (7) and his Incendiery band from Canada, but Col. Willett sustained the field of Battle, and the Enemy retreating into the Woods. That this applicant the next day again went under the Command of Col. Willett in pursuing the Enemy, Vizt, Major Ross with his Incendieries at the distance of about 50 Miles to the West Canada Creek when a number of the Enemy were taken prisoners, and killed, before their arrival at the Creek and Capt. Tory Butler (8) shot across the Creek by one of our Indians both battles was attended with a number of lifes lost & prisoners taken on the British side and Considerable number lost by the Americans.

That this claimant further declares that he has performed duty and services from the year 1777 occasionally and he would say continually to the close of the war, that he kept himself always in readiness to watch out against the common enemy whenever any occurrence or Emergency did acquire is aid—that he feels satisfied that he has omitted many a tour which he cannot describe or recollect. (Signed with his mark) Adolph Wallerath.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D .Ferguson

We, Isaac S. Ketcham a Clergyman residing in the Town of Palatine and County of Montgomery and Joseph Waggoner residing in the Town of Minden and County of Montgomery aforesaid, hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Adolph Wallerath who has subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to

be aged Seventy one years last April, that he is reputed and believed in the Neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Isaac S. Ketcham; Joseph Waggoner.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Following is a deposition on May 3, 1839. Abraham G. Rosencrantz, Son of George Rosencrantz and grandson of Reverend Abraham Rosencrantz. In his deposition he explains that his grandfather was the minister of the Reformed protestant Church of German Flatts & Herkimer. That on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1781, that Adolph Walrath was married to Anna Fink, widow.

Letter in the Pension Folder, dated August 17, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 18275, that Adolph Walrath, Wallerath or Walradt, was born April 4, 1761, place not stated.

While a resident of Palatine, Tryon County, New York, he served at various times from 1777 until sometimes in 1782, entire length of service not shown, as private with the New York troops under Captains John Bradbig, Miller (9), Adam Lipe (10) and John Zilley, and Colonels Jacob Klock, Wagoner, Clyde, Brown and Marinus Willett. He was with General Sullivan during his Indian expedition and was in the battle of Palatine (also known as Stone Arabia) and the battles of Johnstown and West Canada Creek.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, at which time he was living in Oppenheim, Montgomery County, New York.

He died June 15, 1837.

This soldier married December 26, 1781, Anna, the widow of Christian Fink who was killed at the battle of Oriskany. (11)

On account of the Revolutionary War service of Adolph Walrath, his widow, Anna, was allowed pension on her application executed May 24, 1839, at which time she was eighty-four years of age and was living in Pamela, Jefferson County, New York.

There are no data relative to children.

#### End Notes—W.18275—Adolph Wallerath

1. John Breadbake was the Captain of the fifth Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Peter Waggoner was appointed the Lieutenant-Colonel on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Klock's Regiment.
3. Brigadier General James Clinton gathered troops and supplies in the Mohawk Valley and later joined Major General John Sullivan's Army. Together they destroyed several Iroquois Villages in western New York in 1779.
4. John Brown was the Colonel of a Regiment of Massachusetts Levies in 1780 to reinforce the troops in the Mohawk And Schoharie Valley's. Colonel John Brown and his force of Massachusetts and New York Levies and Tryon County Militia were defeated in the Battle of Stone Arabia on October 19, 1780 which was fought in the morning. A battle was fought in the afternoon on the same day called the Battle of Klocksfield. The American troops in the second battle were under Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer.
5. John Zeely or Zielie was the First Lieutenant in Captain Breadbake's Company. When Captain Breadbake was in the Ranger served Zelly commanded the company and was an acting Captain. Lieutenant Zelly was taken prisoner in the Battle of Johnstown.
6. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett of the New York State Levies.
7. Major John Ross of the Second Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York.
8. Captain Walter Butler was killed at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1781.
9. Captain Henry Miller served in Colonel Klock's Regiment.
10. Captain Adam Leipe served in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Samuel Clyde was the Lieutenant-Colonel of this regiment. This service is probably for a different Adolph.
11. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.