

**Pension Application for Peter Lown or Lowe or Low**

W.8053 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married April 4, 1791. Peter died November 21, 1835.  
Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7 June 1832.  
Territory of Michigan  
County of Wayne SS.

On this sixth day of June 1833 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Michigan Territory Peter Louw a resident of Oakland County in the Territory aforesaid, aged seventy three years the 14<sup>th</sup> March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was drafted into the militia in the service of the United States from Orange County in the State of New York, under the command of Colo. Pauling and McLaughery, in the company of Capt. Falkenden and the Lieutenants of said company were John Barbee and John Wickins.

That deponent was drafted and marched to Fort Montgomery on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1777, where he remained till the 1<sup>st</sup> August, during which time he did military duty and aided in building the Fort and his time of service having then expired he was discharged. When discharged the militia were told, that in case the enemy should advance against the Fort, that an alarm would be given by burning a quantity of pine logs on a high hill and the discharge of Canon and that all must immediately hasten to the defence of the place.

Deponent accordingly did, when summoned by the firing of canon, hasten across the country about thirty miles, but on his arrival near the fort, found it closely invested by the enemy. Deponent had been at home but a few days, when he with the whole Regiment was called out for the defence of Newburgh and New Windsor. The Colonel McLaughery having been taken at Fort Montgomery, the regiment was commanded by Major Newkirk during this time he served but three weeks and was then discharged.

At another time deponent thinks it was the spring of 1778 he was called out to defend the frontiers against the Indians at Lackawack, he served he thinks at this time under Capt. Wm. McBride and after a tour of one month, deponent was discharged.

Deponent was afterwards called out to go to Hackensack to defend the country against parties of marauders and plunderers, and served at that time six weeks, and during this period he assisted in taking a picquet guard, of the enemy consisting of Tories at Bergen;, they were within half a mile of the body of the enemy.

We had marched at night about 30 miles from our rendezvous, a considerable distance within the enemies lines, and surprised the guard mentioned and took twenty one men and wounded one who escaped, and marched back with the prisoners the next morning, deponent thinks that as nearly as he can recollect, the whole time which he served during the war as soldier bearing arms was upwards of nine months, that in addition thereto he was out teaming for two weeks after the capture of Burgoyne's army transporting their troops and their baggage.

During the four months service at Fort Montgomery, there was a Regiment of Regular Troops which deponent thinks was commanded by Col. Dubois, deponent does not recollect to have served at any other time with Regular troops, that he hath no documentary evidence and that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can get to his service, except that of John Barber who was Lieutenant of the company at Fort Montgomery and Samuel L. Crawford who testifies to my service at Newburgh &c whose depositions are herewith.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 Lowe

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Solomon Wilsey Judge of the Superior Court, State of Michigan.

Q-1. Where and in what year was you born? Orange Co, Town of Montgomery and State of New York in the year 1760.

Q 2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? A. I have it is in my bible.

Q-3 Where were you living when called into the service? Where have you been since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? A. When first called out I lived in the town of Montgomery where I was born and have continued to live there since the Revolutionary War, until three years since when I moved into Oakland County, Michigan Territory where I now live.

Q-4 How were you called in to the service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? A. I was drafted.

Q-5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental & Militia Regiment as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. A. I cannot recollect any other than I have named in my declaration aforesaid.

Levi Farnsworth a Clergyman an [a] resident in Wayne Co. & James Hammond residing in the City of Detroit hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Peter Louw, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy three years of age, 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 their opinion. (Signed Levi Farnsworth, James Hanner.

Col. Sibley Judge S.C.M.T.