

Pension Application for Adam Overocker

W.2329 (Widow: Patience) Married month of July 1833. Adam died November 14, 1842.

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

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On this 5th day of November, A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probate now sitting Adam Overocker a resident of the Township of Saline in the County of Washtenaw Michigan Territory aged Seventy one years the 27th day of June 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That In the latter part of the summer or early in the fall of 1778 he resided in Schaticook [Schaghticoke] in the County of Albany and State of New York at which time he he [sic] enlisted into the company of Capt Joseph Peke at Stillwater and was attached to the Regiment of Col. Christopher Yates in which he served one year during which time they were stationed at Saratoga in said County in the State of New York. That while there he was a part of the company of Capt. Peck were sent to Fort Edward under the command Left Luke Brown where he was engaged in cutting and rafting timber to Saratoga for the purpose of erecting Barracks continued at Fort Edward the remainder of the year until discharged by Left. Brown that he has a written discharge which he lost. That he was a minute man in the Militia Company commanded by Capt. Vanderhoof before he served in the State service and afterwards until the close of the war.

That he was at the Battle of Stillwater and Saratoga. That General Gates of the American Army and General Burgoyne of the British Army had an engagement at Stillwater In the fall of 1777. That Burgoyne retreated to Saratoga where we overtook him and he surrendered after a severe conflict.

That while he served as a Minute man, he was called into service every summer until the close of the war, that he served two campaigns at Palmertown about 14 miles west of Saratoga which was on the principal in command at Palmerstown—

That he served four or five Campaigns at Fort Edward under Col. Warner when in the Continental service and and [sic] when there as a minute man under Col. Henry.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes all 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 or Territory. (Signed) Adam Overocker

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. James Kingsly Judge of Probate Court for Washtinaw County.

Letter in folder dated March 7, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.2329, it appears that Adam Overocker, the son of Michael, was born June 27, 1761, place not stated.

While a resident of Schaghicoke, Albany County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops at various times from about 1777 until the close of the Revolution, amounting to three years in all, under Captains Joseph Peck and Vanderhoof and Colonels Christopher Yates and Warner; he was in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 5, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Saline Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

He married in July, 1833, at LaSalle, Monroe County, Michigan, Mrs. Patience Adams, who had a daughter at that time (her name not stated) and she also had a son, Samuel Adams, who was living in 1853, at Grass Lake, Jackson County, Michigan. Said Adam Overocker had been married before.

He died November 14, 1842, at Grass Lake, Michigan and left no children under the age of sixteen years (children's names not stated).

His widow, Patience, was allowed pension on her application executed April 16, 1853, at which time she was seventy-nine years of age and was a resident of Grass Lake, Michigan.

In 1853, Henry A. Francisco of Grass Lake, Michigan, stated that he was son-in-law of Adam Overocker.

This is the only soldier by the name of Ada Overocker that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.