

Pension Application for Peter Shaver

W.19345 (Widow: Barbara Potts) Married Peter May 1784. Peter died January ? 1834.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 17th day of November 1832, personally appeared before me. J.W. Fairfield of the Justices of the Justices [sic] Court of the City of Hudson, county aforesaid Peter Saver aged seventy two years a resident of the Town of [?] who being unable through bodily infirmity to attend in open court & who being duly sworn according to Law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of Livingston in said county in March of the year 1760; that he resided in said Livingston till the war of the Revolution. That he has no record of his age other than memory & tradition.

That in the year 1776 in the fore part of October of that year he enlisted for three months in the Company of Captain Peter Grosbeck's in which company Samuel J. Ten Broeck & Saml Thorn were Lieutenants. He enlisted as a private & marched from Glenmont where they rendezvoused to Fishkill, viz Poughkeepsie, and tarried in actual service till January 1777 & was discharged at the expiration of said three months, at Plainfield or Pocquaick. This was a company of Rangers again about the first of August in 1777 he volunteered in the company of Capt. John Fonda & Regiment of Colonel Peter R. Livingston. They marched through Albany on to VanSchaick's Island & were then under the command of Major Paul TenBroeck, Col. Livingston not being out at this time. When General Gates arrived in place of Genl Schuyler, he thinks the first part of September he was discharged, but as soon as he arrived home he volunteered in the company of Capt. Marcus Platner. He came home on Sunday & returned again on the Monday following in the company of said Platner—They were marched through Albany on to Bemis Heights & were there under the command of Lieut Colonel Henry Livingston. They lay there till Burgoyne retreated or attempted to retreat this applicant was sick with the fever & ague & was carried with several others to the Hospital at Lansingburg. He insisted upon staying with the army, but the Captain thought him too ill & persisted in sending them to the hospital. There he refused to stay on account of the filth & came home, where he arrived about the first of November or the last part of October making three months of actual service in said companies of Fonda & Platner.

Previous to this said service in the same year he was ordered out about the first of May in the Company of Capt. John Shaver to apprehend the Tories. They went to Dutchess County & made some prisoners there. He was out on this service till the first of Aug, making three months. Major Saml Ten Broeck had the command of the detachments sent on this service. This was very severe service as they had to be out all night long, most of the time.

Again about the latter part of July in the year 1778, he volunteered in the company of John Shaver Capt & in the Regiment commanded by Major TenBroeck. They marched to Albany, Schenectady, Balltown [Ballstown] & Saratoga. This applicant was one of the guard over the baggage on the march from Balltown to Saratoga, while the troops scoured the woods. He was duly dismissed at Saratoga about the first part September having been out six weeks at this time.

Again about the first of October of the year 1779, he volunteered in the company of Capt. Tealle Rockefeller in the Regiment of Col. Livingston aforesaid for three months, marched directly to Fishkill & lay there till discharged which was after New Years of 1780, making the full three months.

And this applicant further declares that by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the time of his further service, but as to the service he can swear positive that during the war of the Revolution he was pressed to go with his team to go into the vicinity of Fishkill & there foraged for the army six weeks.

And he further positively declares that he went to Albany & other places to the north, four other times [?] what are above stated, of a fortnight at a time making full two months, but that he cannot for

reasons above stated, tell the year or month. And he further declares that in all his said duties he was in active service seventeen months & for this he prays a pension.

And he further says that he has always lived at Livingston aforesaid, that he never held any commission—but always served as a private & a volunteer except six weeks, when he was pressed into service.

That he never had any written discharges & has no documentary evidence.

That he has no living witnesses of his said service other than those of Saml TenBroeck, David Potts, William Snyder, & John Salpaugh whose testimony is herewith connected—that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

That he has been confined to his bed fifteen months, & is unable to write his name & must therefore make his mark. That the officers under whom he served are all stated above. (Signed with his mark) Peter Shaver

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. JW Fairfield Justice as aforesaid.