

Pension Application for Peter Van Deusen

R.10850 (Widow: Catherine) Married December 10, 1769. Peter died March 11, 1825.
State of New York
Albany County SS

Derick Hilton of the Town of Bethlehem in the said County, being duly sworn, according to law, deposeth as follows—

I was eighty one years of age, on the 12th in March. I am well acquainted with the within named Catherine Van Deusen, and know that she was the wife and is now the widow of the within named Peter Van Deusen. I married their Daughter. I know that they were married to each other in the year 1769—I was a Sergeant and an Ensign in Capt. Nicholas Jeroleman's Company of New York Militia in the revolutionary war—and am now a Pensioner of the United States.

The said Peter Van Deusen was a private in said Company, and served as such in all the tours of military service in which I was engaged during said revolutionary war.

He went with said Company & served as a private therein in the year 1776 to Lake George, in the fall of that year. I think we served on that tour about six weeks.

In the year 1777 we were in the service again, at Saratoga, at Fort Edward, and the Island opposite Troy, called Van Schaick's Island—said Peter Van Deusen was with us at that time—We served in that time from about the first of July until some time in November—we served about four months in this tour.

In the year 1778 our company was again in the service at Schoharie, and the said Peter Van Deusen was with us & served as a private in said company, in that tour—we left home the beginning of July & remained till about the first of September & we served at that time two months.

In the year 1779 the said Peter Van Deusen was with the said Company & served as a private on a tour of duty, to Stone Arabia—We went to Stone Arabia about the first of October & served about one month in that tour. In the same year (1779) we were again ordered into the service, and went to Fort Plain. We went out in the month of July, and remained till September—we served about two months on that tour.

In the year 1780, in the fall, we were again ordered into the service & went to Fort Hunter & from thence to Fort Herkimer—I think we went to Fort Hunter, in the month of September, and remained there about two weeks, and then were ordered to Fort Herkimer, where we remained till about the 15th of November, I think we were engaged on this tour about two months.

I well recollect that the said Peter VanDeusen was with the said company, and served as a private therein, in all the expeditions or tours of military service above mentioned. Capt. Jeroleman is dead, and there is no commissioned officer of said Company, now living, except myself. (Signed) derrick Hilton

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th day of November 1836, in open court. J. G. Wasson, Clk