

Pension Application for Peter Van Wurmer or Van Womer

S.23464

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

State of New York

County of Westchester SS

On this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Edward Komeys, (a Supreme Court Commissioner in and for the said County appointed by the Legislature of the said State and authorized and required to perform the duties and to execute the acts powers and trusts which a Justice of the Supreme Court may perform and execute out of court) Peter van Wurmer a resident of the town of Greenburgh in the said County aged seventy two who being by me 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 is to say—he entered the said service some time in the month of August in the 1776 as a private in the company of militia of the Said County of Westchester commanded by Captain Gload Requa in the regiment of militia of said County commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond. That he continued in the service at that time six weeks in the said company and Regiment and was stationed at Tarrytown in the said County; this was at the time the British ships Phoenix and Rose were lying in the Hudson River opposite said Tarry town and the militia were called out to repel any attempt of the enemy to land from their ships and to guard the shores of the Hudson, and that at the end of said six weeks he was honorably discharged at said Tarrytown.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service as a private some time in the month of militia of the said County of Westchester commanded by Captain Sybert acker in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the service of the United States in the said company of Captain Sybert Acker form the said month of August 1777 until the expiration of three months when he was honorably discharged at Greenburgh in said County; that he served the last mentioned term in the County of Westchester and was stationed at a military post in the town of Greenburgh in said Count it being one of a numerous line of military posts established in said County at that time.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service sometime in the month of March in the year 1778 as a private in the year 1778 as a private in the company of Militia he thinks then under the command of one Captain Hermance Gardner, and that he was attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Samuel Drake; that he continued in the service at that time three weeks at the expiration of which he was honorably discharged at Collabergh in the said County;. That he was marched from Collabergh aforesaid to Middle Patent, then so called, now in the town of New Castle in said County where he was stationed for some time, and

then was ordered back to said Collabergh where he was honorably discharged as a foresaid at the expiration of said three weeks.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some [time] in the early part of September in the year 1778 as a private in the Company of Militia of said County ;commanded by Captain Israel Honeywell to the best of his recollection and belief, and in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the said service at that time one month at the expiration of which he was honorably discharged from said service at Greenburgh in said County that the last mentioned term of service in the said County of Westchester and was stationed at Greenburgh in said County; though he was marched into other parts of said County during said last mentioned term to repel hostile parties of the British and Refugees.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of October in the year 1778 as a private in the company of Militia of the said County commanded by Captain Benjamin Dyckman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake that he continued in the service in said company from the said month of October 1778 for and during and until the expiration of two months when he was honorably discharged at Collabergh aforesaid. That he served the last mentioned term of two months on the banks of Croton River in said County the said Croton River in said County the said Croton being then the line between the hostile parties, and military posts being established and kept up along the same, to repel the incursions of the British and refugees and to protect the inhabitants.

The declarant is not positive whither the said Benjamin Dyckman held a Captains Commission at that time is not, but says that he had command of the company.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service sometime in the month of May 1779 in the company of militia of the said County of Westchester commanded by Captain Gload Requa in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the said service in the said company and Regiment from the said month of May 1779 for and during and until the expiration of one year when he was honorably discharged from said service in the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County; that he served the said term of one year in the said County of Westchester on the American lines; that he received pay from the government for the said one years service in pay certificates, that said Hammond's Regiment was in the service in said County during the said year and under pay by order as the Declarant then under of [sic] Governor Clinton, that the exposed state of the said County during the said last mentioned year, rendered the services of the said Regiment necessary during that period.

And to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department in the declarant on his oath maketh answer and saith.

1. That he was born at Philips Manor, now town of Greenburgh in said County of Westchester on the 25th day of December 1761.

2nd That that the day of his birth is recorded in the church book of the Dutch Reformed Church in Tarrytown in the said County of Westchester.

3^d That at the time he entered the service in Captain Gload Requa company and in Captain Sybert Acker's Company he resided in the town of Greenburgh in said County; and that at the lines he entered the service in Captain Dyckman's company and in Capt Honeywell's Company he resided at Collabergh in said County, having been driven from his home in said Greenburgh by the enemy and that part of the said County being then in the possession of the British and refugees; that since the Revolutionary war he has resided in Greenburgh aforesaid and now resides there.

4. That he was ordered into the service by his Captains who as he understood received their orders from the proper authority, except the service at Tarrytown in 1776 which he served as a volunteer; as also the service in captain S. Ackers company in 1777; that he never served as a substitute.

5. That there were sometimes continental troops at the places where he served but he only recollects Genl Parsons Colonel Hull Colonel Welle & Colonel Sheldon; that the militia officers with whom he served and whose names he now recollects in addition to those herein before mentioned were. Captain Comes, Lieutenant Vantassel Ensign Van Wart; that he served with many others but their names has escaped his memory, and the general circumstances of his service are as herein before set forth.

6th That he was always verbally discharged from the service and never received a written discharge.

7th That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are the Reverend Thomas. G. Smith of the town of Greenburgh in said County and that he claims a pension for the following services viz.

The six weeks actual service at Tarrytown in 1776.

Also the three months actual service in Captain Sybert Ackers company in 1777. And also for the three weeks actual service in Captain Gardner's company in 1778. And also for the two months actual service in Captain Dyckman's company in 1778.

And also for the one years actual service in Captain Gload Requa's Company 1779 & 80.

He hereby relinquishes every 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. (Signed) Peter Van Wurmer

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of December 1833 before me. Edward Kenneys. Sup Court Commissioner.

Pension Application for July 15, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Peter Van Wormer who served in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.23464, based upon the military service of Peter Van Womer (signed as Van Womer but was pensioned as Van Wurmer) the only soldier of that name that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

He was born December 25, 1761, at Philips Manor, Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents were not given. He stated that his birth was recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church in Tarrytown, New York.

While a resident of Greenburgh, New York, he enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from August, 1776, six weeks in Captain G. Requa's company in a regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hamman; from August 1777, three months in Captain Seybert acker's company in Lieutenant Colonel James Hamman's regiment; from March 1778, three weeks in Captain Hermanus Gardenier's company in Colonel Samuel Drake's regiment; from early in September 1778, one month in Captain Israel Honeywell's company in Lieutenant Colonel James Hamman's regiment; from October, 1778, two months in Captain Benjamin Dyckman's company in Colonel Samuel Drake's regiment; from May, 1779, one year in Captain G. Requa's company in Lieutenant Colonel James Hamman's regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 11, 1833, at which time he was living in Greenburgh, Westchester County, New York.

The papers in this claim contain no data relative to the soldier's family.