PETER WELLS
S.10042

The data herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.10042, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Peter Wells.

Peter Wells was born October 25, 1748, in North Kingston, Rhode Island; the names of his parents are not shown. In 1768 he moved to East Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island.

While residing in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, Pete Wells enlisted about May 1, 1775, served as private in Captain Joseph Hawley's company, Colonel James M. Varnum's Rhode Island regiment, and was discharged January 1, 1776. He enlisted in the spring of 1776, served as private in Captain Job Pearce's company, Colonel Morey's Rhode Island regiment was discharged after having served five months, on account of being injured in his thumb by a rope when moving a cannon. He enlisted in July, 1778, served nineteen days as a private in Captain Michael Spencer's company, Colonel Waterman's Rhode Island regiment, and went on general Sullivan's Expedition to Rhode Island.

In 1779, the soldier moved to the Town of Hancock, Massachusetts, resided there and in the adjoining town of Stephentown, New York, until 1817, then moved to Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, where he remained until 1820, thence to Lorraine, Jefferson County , new York, which was his place of residence until 1830; from there he moved to Onondaga, where he resided one year, thence to Alburgh, Vermont, where he remained until August 1833, then moved back to Onondaga, New York.

Peter wells was allowed pension on his application executed February 1, 1834, at which time he was a resident of Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York.

No reference was made in the claim to soldier's wife. He had a son named Caliph H. A. Wells who was born in August, 1788, in Hancock, Massachusetts, and lived there with his father until twenty-four years of age then moved to Berlin, Rensselaer County, New York, where he remained until 1817, thence to Onondaga, New York, and was still living there in 1834. Nor further reference was made to children.