

Pension Application for Peter Williams

S.14859

State of New York

City & County of Albany SS.

On this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, now sitting Peter Williams a resident of the Town of Watervliet, in the County of Albany and State of New York aged seventy five years who being first 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.

Field Officers. Colonel Francis Nichols, Lt Col Philip Schuyler, Major Abraham Fonda

That Lt Col Philip Schuyler was promoted to the command of the regiment he believes in the year 1777.

Company officers, Captain Henry Osthout, First Lieutenant Leviness F. Lansing, Second Lieutenant Jacob Lansing, Ensign Timothy Hutton.

That during the war Henry Oothout was removed from command & Leviness F. Lansing appointed Captain.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the militia in the Spring of the year 1776.

That he was immediately marched with the regiment to Fort Edward & Fort Ann, and served on that tour three weeks.

2d That in the latter part of July the same year he was again marched with his regiment to the same places and that he served on that tour two weeks.

2d That in the fall of 1776 he was marched to Saratoga with the regiment & that he served on that tour two weeks.

3d That in the Spring of the year 1777 they were again marched to Fort Edward & Fort Ann & that he served on that tour three weeks.

That in the summer of the same year about harvest time, they were again marched to the same places and were engaged at that time in breaking up the roads & bridges for the purpose of retarding the progress of the enemy and that he served on that tour four weeks.

That in the fall of the year 1777 they were at Stillwater with the American Army at the time Burgoyne 33d surrendered, & that he served on that tour thirty three days.

That in the summer time about harvest they were marches to Schoharie and that he served on that tour three weeks.

4th & 5th That in the fall of the same year they were again marched to Schoharie and that he served on that tour four weeks and five days.

That after the year 1778 and during the years 1779 & 80, 81 & 82 his company was divided into four classes and that they served by classes; that the class to which he belonged was marched four times each year to Schoharie, and that he was marched

with them each time and that he served on each of these tours two weeks and sometimes more; making eight weeks each year that he served in this remaining & in the four years Thirty two weeks.

That immediately after the surrender of Burgoyne he was engaged as a waggoner [wagoner] in transporting the wounded from Saratoga to Albany & that he served in that summer two weeks. That he also went another tour to the north, which was after Burgoyne's surrender, and that the regiment was at that time stationed at Beckers on the North river just above Saratoga & that he served on these three weeks.

That they were also marched once a short distance beyond Fort Plain, when they returned, and when they came to Schenectady were inspected in the poor Pasture by Genl. Gansevoort, that they were marched from thence to Albany, thence to Saratoga, thence to Niskayuna where they were discharged, and that he served on that tour six weeks.

That in the month of September in the year 1778 he went with those selected from his own regiment & those Col Stephen J. Schuyler's regiment & assisted in removing the people from there to Rensselaer County that he served on that tour one month. That he went [on] this tour in Capt. Ostrom's Company; immediately after, he again returned to his own.

That in the fall of the year 1779 he went with his regiment to Schoharie and that he served on that tour six weeks.

That in the year 1782 he went with the whole company to Schoharie and that he served on that tour six weeks.

That at the time Cherry Valley was burned he was marched with the whole regiment to that place and that he served on that tour four weeks.

That besides the services above stated he was frequently out on scouting expeditions.

That he does not know any clergyman in his neighborhood who is sufficiently acquainted with him to certify in his behalf.

That the whole length of time for which he claims a pension is ninety two weeks and here days.

Answers to the Interrogatories presented by the War department.

1. That he was born in the town of Watervliet aforesaid in or about the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty seven.
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That at the time he entered the service of the United States he resided in said town of Watervliet, that he has resided most of his time since the revolution & does now reside in said town.
4. That he volunteered; was a private & in the militia.
5. That he does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers except Genl Peter Gansvoort. That he recollects Col. Stephen J. Schuyler's regiment of Militia, and the circumstances of his service are as before stated.
6. That he never received a written discharge.

7. That he is acquainted with Peter Shaver and Israel Anthony who can testify to his actual service. That Stephen Mitchell and Philip Schuyler & others are known to him in his present neighborhood who can testify, as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State, and that he has never been thought to [?] (Signed with his mark) Peter Williams

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. John G. Wasson Clk