

Pension Application for John Wolleber

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State of N. York

Montgomery County SS

On the twenty 25th day of July 1837, Personally or appeared before me John T. Getman a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, Peter Wolleber of the Town of Manheim County of Herkimer & State aforesaid who has been duly sworn according to Law, deposeth and saith that he has been personally acquainted with John Wolleber, Previous to the Revolutionary War, during the said war, to the final close of the said War, and ever since.

Deponent farther saith, that the said John Wollabar has been a Revolutionary Soldier, land that he was attached and belonged to the Company of Infantry Commanded by Peter Dygert, Capt, John Windecker 1st Lieut. Peter McNorton 2d Lieut and Henry Moyer Ensign, in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col Peter Bellinger in Genl Nicholas Herkimer Brigade, in the then County of Tryon.

Deponent further saith, that he is personally known, that the aforesaid John Wollebar, has proved and distinguished himself as a true and faithful United States Militia Soldier, that his first Services rendered to the United States was that on a draft, as deponent, do recollect he believing, forepart in January 1777, under Capt Henry Dieffendorf, Capt over a Company of drafts, and Col. Ebenezer Cox, who had the command of the Regt of said drafts, and always, Understand, had gave to Tigonderoga [Ticonderoga] and not returned until sometime in Spring for the Space of Three months do deponent further saith, that the latter part of spring same year ordered out under Capt peter S. Dygert, with his company, to working and opening the road from New Germantown, top Fort Schuyler, at the same time ordered out with their arms and accoutrements, as deponent understood 22 days and deponent further said that sometime in June & July drafted to Fort Stanwix, cutting and falling trees across the Wood Creek, calculated to Stopping the progress of the enemies, passing to the fort Vizt Fort Stanwix and other duties on behalf of United States as deponent verily belief [believes] 1 Mo & 15 days.

6th Augt at the time of that memorable Oriskany Battle when Claimant was engaged in battle as always understood 21 days.

Deponent further saith that claimant during the course of same year often and frequently was called out on alarms and concurrencies, but upon impracticable to specify, but deponent says that Claimant did at least serve the length of one month and 15 days such services no particularly specified 1 Mo 15 days.

In 1779, this year claimant was stationed almost continually at the Fort, Indian Castle, when letters were served often and frequently and almost constantly, letters were served from Fort Dayton, and Fort Herkimer to Claimant at the Fort, Indians Castle, when claimant forwarding or carrying them From Fort Plain, and again the same Claimant Carrying and transmitting letters from Fort Plain, to fort Herkimer, and Fort Dayton, and so continued until late in fall, excepting sometimes called out on

serious alarms, with others of the militia, and that he did receive his full equal share with others of the same

1780 Deponent further saith, that Company exclusive of such service as mentioned in the foregoing.

1780 Deponent further saith, that Claimant with his fathers family have removed to Stone Arabia, into the house of Jacob Markell, there Continued, for at least during the course of said year, but during the said year, often and frequently constraint to return to their former place of residence, and always, when an occurrence of a serious feature by the enemy, hath presented itself while in the then Upper fort of Canajoharie ordered out, under the command of Capt Hanyost Dygert, to repel the incursions of the common enemy, the same when at home this year at Palatine, vizt Stone Arabia and when at Stone Arabia, ordered out under the command of Capt Henry Millers in the Regt commanded by Col Jacob Klock, that although, occupying the house of Markell aforesaid, Chievely [Chiefly?] obliged to have recourse to Fort Paris, there rendering Garrison duty, and the reason why having gone to the upperpart of Canajoharie, they had some grain source, which required their presence, and with great dificulty [difficulty] duly reaping a small portion of the same.

Deponent further saith, that on the 19th day of Oct same year, Claimant under the Command of Col. John Brown, against Col. John Johnson, with his Incendiary associates from Canada, was engaged in battle on that day.

Deponent further saith, that claimant did render faithful service during said year, to the United States, often and frequently, on each and every occurrence.

1781, deponent further saith, that during this year, Claimant has been off and on to both places the same alike the year Previous and that he did render services often and Frequently to the United States, and that he did not omit or neglect any one tours during the course of said year, where thereunto required.

1782 Deponent further State[s] and declare[s] that this was an uncommon and remarkable season, more particular to the whole family to which deponent was nearly corrected, vizt the Family then under the control of deponents Father and mother.

Deponent saith that his brother hath been taken a Prisoner vizt his brother Nicholas Wollober sometime latter part of May or forepart of June the year previous 1781 by the Indians from Canada, and taken to Montreal, at which place he was kept, with Frederick Christman, Jacob House then of the County of Tryon, now Montgomery in conjunction with two other Prisoners from the State of Vermont, when the said Nicholas with his four Associate Prisoners having left Montreal, unknown to the British, without being Exhchanged but went without leave or License, and arrived at the Upper part of Canajoharie then County of Tryon, to which place, they did remove to again, in fall 1781.

Deponant further saith, that no sooner had he returned by embracing his Brave friend and his two tender Branches, connectively with his father and [???] mother, Brothers and sisters, only four weeks & four days having elapsed, when his brother John by order of Col Willett was ordered and directed in procuring two heads of fatt [fat] cattle, in consequence Claimant, Emediately after took his brother Richard his

brother in law Peter Kessler, and his Brother Peter Wollber, all each and every one well armed, and aquipt [equipped] guarding the said John Wollber with the latter to Fort Plain, at a distance of about ten miles, when after delivering the same, while returning and when comening [coming] within a little better than a mile of their Fort, when they were apprized by 13 Indians, Incendiaries form Canada, where deponent Brother Vgt Nicholas Wollber after he had been taken a Prisoner in the latter part of May or forepart of ;June 1781, and kept in captivity at Montreal until according to the best of deponents recollection, returned and arrived at home sometime in June 1782. After he had to incounter [encounter] the most hazardous and destroying hardships which any human being could endure, in hopes of enjoying himself with this family and friends, but alas, to the contrary when returning after delivering those cattle, as aforesaid.

Taken on surprise when both deponents brother Nicholas Wollber, and his brother Nicholas Peter Kessler, were shott, [shot] scalped and Massacured, deponent himself two wounds received, but escaped and his Brother John missing, expecting that he was drowned in the Mohawk river, when throuough [thorough] searches were made by the neighbors around, and by soldiers sent from Fort Plain, but all in vain, and not until spring or forepart in Summer 1783 when a prisoner by Town of Butterfield, as Butterfield hath said, had left deponent brother vizt John Wollber on Revel Hands in captivity, which was the first Intelligence, the family had obtained, that the said John was yet in existence. That the said John was also well armed and acquipt [equippped], when taken [taking] the cattle to Fort Plain on while returning.

And deponent further saith that his brother John Wollber, the Present claimant was enlisted in the company of boat men, commanded by Capt William Petterson in the year 1778, for nine months, and that deponent says that he is personally known that the applicant did render boat service, under the command of the afsd Capt Peterson from the early part of Spring during the whole season, until forepart in winter, and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Peter Wolever

Subscribed and sworn this 25th day of July 1837 before me. John T. Getman J.
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