

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John H Genter: R3973
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State of Pennsylvania
County of Northampton

Be it known, that on this fifteenth day of November A. D. 1832, before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared, Mary Genter, a resident of Easton in said County, and made oath according to law that she is the widow of John H Genter, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, and who has heretofore made application for the benefit of the Pension Act of [blank] that she is directly interested as a claimant in said pension and makes this affidavit to be filed with such additional evidence or arguments as my Agent may use in prosecuting said claim. [Power of attorney follows. The original application appears to be lost, but the following summary is in the file:]

BRIEF in the case of Jno H Genter of Easton County of North Hampton [sic] in the State of Pennsylvania

(Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? Court
3. How old is he? 74
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.	Rank.	Names of General and field Officers under whom he served.
	Years, Months, Days.		
In 1778	3	Private	Capt Miscotekey Count Dillon Duke de Lawson [sic: see note below]

5. In what battles was he engaged? Yorktown
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? Paris. France
7. Is his statement supported by living witness, documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by circumstantial evidence, or by [illegible]. Living & traditionary
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? They are not attached properly.

NOTES:

“Duke de Lawson” probably refers to Armand-Louis Gontaut, duc de Lauzun, who arrived with Rochambeau on 10 June 1780.

In the pension application of Mary Meyers of New York, widow of John Meyers (R7543), is a note dated Philadelphia 7 June 1837, stating that the pension office was sent a deposition by John H. Genter who was a soldier with John Meyers. The deposition is not in Meyers’s file. A letter in Meyers’s file states that Meyers was thought to have deserted from Pulaski’s Legion after a skirmish at Charleston SC on 11 May 1779, but he reenlisted under “Col or Gen’l. Deluson, in the Company commanded by Captain Miskefsky.” These would appear to be the Duc de Lauzun and the Capt Miscotekey mentioned in Genter’s file. This letter adds that “Jno. Genter, Easton Pa. is said to be living, well known to the family and says he served with John Meyers during the war.”