

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Faulkner S35918

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State of New York Ss: [25 March 1818]

To the Honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court of the City of New York, which is a court of record of the State of New York

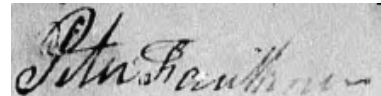
The declaration under oath of Peter Faulkner formerly an office engaged in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war now a citizen of the United States and resident of the City of New York respectfully sheweth

That the said Peter Faulkner sometime [in] the month of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven during the revolutionary war with Great Britain joined the army of the United States under the command of Captain Henry Lee and afterwards served as a noncommissioned officer in the Legion commanded by the said Henry Lee then a Lieutenant Colonel until the month of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty, when he the said Peter Faulkner was appointed an Ensign in the second Newjersey Regiment commanded by Colonel Israel Shreeve in the jersey line upon the continental establishment.

That on the twelfth day of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty the said Peter Faulkner to take rank from the seventeenth [day] of June then preceding, was attached as Ensign to Captain Nathaniel Bowmans company of light Infantry in the said Regiment and Line on the continental establishment, and continued in the said company in the service of the United States against the common Enemy until the end of said war, when the American army was disbanded and he honorably discharged from service. And the declaration further representeth that the said Peter Faulkner is now a citizen of the United States residing in the City of New York and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his country for support and that he hath never received or been allowed any pen[sion] whatever by the laws of the United States

Therefore the said Peter Faulkner conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the act of Congress of the United States entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" approved the 15 March 1818, and requests that your Honor will examine into the truth of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of department of War to the end that such relief may be had in the premises as is by law in such case provided.

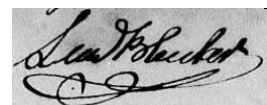
And in support of the facts above set forth the said Peter Faulkner refers to the oaths of himself and of Leonard Bleecker [S29107] hereafter set forth, and to the original commission hereto annexed.



City & County of New York Ss"

Leonard Bleecker of the City of New York being duly affirmed says that he was an officer in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war and became acquainted with the said Peter Faulkner in the declaration above named some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty; that the said Peter Faulkner was then an officer in the army of the United States on the continental establishment and continued in such service against the common enemy until the end of the revolutionary war; and this deponent further says that he has been acquainted with the said Peter Faulkner ever since and that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration and sworn to by him are true as this deponent verily believes.

[25 March 1818]



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

To Peter Faulkner Gentleman Greeting. We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct, and Fidelity DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be an Ensign in the second New Jersey Regiment in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1780. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of an Ensign by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldiers, under our command, to be obedient to your orders, as Ensign. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, as from time to time, as you shall receive from this or a future Congress of the United States or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your Superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress beforementioned, or a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office and examined by the board      Witness his Excellency Sam<sup>l</sup> Huntington Esquire President of the Congress of the United States of America, at Philadelphia the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1780, and in the fifth year of our Independence.

Attest  
Ben Stoddert Secretary of the Board of War      [signed] Samuel Huntington [undeciphered word]

SCHEDULE.

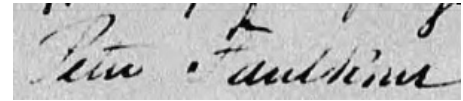
STATE OF NEW-YORK, } ss.      Supreme Court of the Term of August, one thousand eight  
City & County of Albany }      hundred and twenty.

On this Nineteenth day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said state Peter Faulkner, late an ensign in the army of the Revolution aged sixty three years, resident in Watervliet in said County who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He entered the United States Service in the Month of March 1777, with Captain Henry Lee, who afterwards commanded a Legion, served under him as a noncommissioned officer until the month of June 1780 – was then appointed an Ensign in the 2<sup>d</sup> New Jersey Regiment continental establishment, commanded by Col. Israel Shreeve – was attached to a Light Infantry company under command of Capt Nathaniel Bowman where he remained until the peace concluded in 1783 – was placed on the pension list 25<sup>th</sup> March 1818; the number of his pension certificate is 2040.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed. Real Estate. I

have none – personal estate as follows – 2 Tables worth \$6	\$6.00
2 Looking Glasses worth \$5.00. 12 Common chairs worth \$9	14.00
2 pr And Irons worth \$6.00. 2 Shovels & Tongs worth \$2	8.00
1 Settee worth \$5. 1 Small Bureau worth \$6	11.00
1 Old Carpet \$15. 1 Candle Stand \$3. 2 Candle sticks \$1	19.00
2 Tea Servers worth \$2. 1 doz knives & forks \$1. 1 doz. Spoons \$1	4.00
1 doz. plates \$0.75. 1 Tea Kettle & 2 Iron Pots worth \$2	2.75
2 Coffee & 1 Tea pot worth \$1. 1 doz. Cups & Saucers \$1	2.00
4 Dishes \$1. 4 Pails & Buckets \$1.50	2.50
	<u>\$69.25</u>

I have a wife named Rachel, aged 56 years, very infirm, and a niece named Elizabeth Cole aged 18 years who is in delicate health and dependant on me for support. I have no occupation and am unable to support myself and family, without assistance from my Country.



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Lee's Legion was assigned to the quota of continental soldiers to be raised by Virginia, but Faulkner and many others were from other states.]

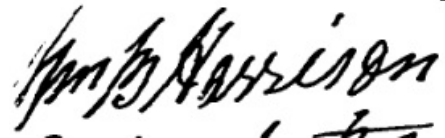
I do Certify that Peter Faulkner did serve in the Revolutionary War three years & three months as a Serjeant in the Partizan Legion com'd by Lieutenant Colo. Henry Lee with fidelity & Honour & was Legally dischargd Certifyd by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1822

Wm B Harrison [William Butler Harrison VAS1054]  
Ensign in the Parti'n Legion Under Lt Colo Henry Lee  
Revolutionary war



I do Certify that Peter Faulkner Inlisted with Capt Henry Lee in March in the year 1777 and in the year 1778 he was promoted to a Serjeant in the 3<sup>d</sup> Troop of Horse Com'd by Capt John Reudolph [sic: John Rudolph VAS2156] I do further Certify that the said peter faulkner Inlisted to serve for three years or during the war an did actually serve three years & three months with fidelity and Honour. and how much Longer I do not Recolect but have no doubt but he Cont'd to serve as before stated untill the Close of the war Certifyd by me

Wm B Harrison  
Ensign to the Partizan legion  
Com'd by Lt. Colo Henry Lee  
Revolutionary War



[The following is difficult to decipher.]

I Peter Faulkner do declare upon oath that I enlisted in the month of March 1777 with Capt. Henry Lee, that in the year 1778 I was appointed a Serjeant in Capt. John Reudolph's troop [several undeciphered words], that in 1779 I was promoted to be a Sergeant in Capt. Eggleston's [Joseph Eggleston W8687] troop, Capt'n Lee being then a Lieutenant Colonel in command of the Legion and that in the month of June 1780 I was promoted to be an Ensign in the second Regiment of the Jersey line in which I served to the close of the war in the year 1783. All which is true, so help me GOD.

[Certified in Washington City, 14 Aug 1822]



Note – Peter Faulkner does not claim as a Commissioned officer – he enlisted to serve during the war in the Va Cont. line. he served 3 yr 3 Months & was made an officer in the Jersey line – he faithfully complied with the agreement he first made – his promotion was no violation – he claims as a Sergeant during the war – at [one or two undeciphered words] for 3 yrs – these principles, I understand, have been recognised by the Executive in the case of Capt. Han[?] & others. T. Green

NOTES:

On 1 September 1820 Peter Faulkner applied to have his pension transferred to Washington, DC, having recently moved there.

The pension file includes a letter stamped 7 March 1924 from Mrs. W. W. Faulkner of Binghamton NY with information about the family of Peter Faulkner and his brother, John Faulkner.