

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Covert S43340

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State of New York } ss

Genesee County }

Pursuant to an act of the Congress of the United States of American, passed March 18th 1818 to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Services of the said United States in the Revolutionary War I Peter Covert aged 57 4^l January last of the town of Ridgeway in the County of Genesee and State of New York aforesaid do hereby make the following solemn Declaration under oath before the Honourable Elijah Hawley Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Genesee and state aforesaid – to wit: – I do solemnly & sincerely swear and declare that I am a resident citizen of the said United States in the town county and State aforesaid; and that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life I am in need of assistance from my country for support. I do further declares that I served in the war of the Revolution against the common Enemy in the capacity of a private in the Continental establishment: And that I served in said War seventeen months – that I belonged to Captain Jedediah Givans[?] Company in which I enlisted for five months and was under command of General or lord Sterling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling] – was at the battle on Long Island [27 Aug 1776] and its evacuation of New York – that I left the service after serveing five months the term of my enlistment by reason of an honorable verbal discharge from my Captain... I afterwards enlisted for three months at Westfield – my captains name I have forgot but my majors name was Wetherspoon [sic: James Witherspoon] and [William] Maxfield was the General. Here I served three months Again I enlisted at Mount Holly under Captain Firman for nine months in Colonel Ogdens of Col. Daytons [Elias Dayton's] Regiment I forget which but General Maxfield Commanded the Brigade I was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. I was honorably discharged at Elizabethtown verbally by the Lieutenant of the Company if I can recollect right whose name was Whitlock I do not recollect the exact time I enlisted at Mount Holly but it was in the Spring and I continued in the Service nine months and was not discharged untill in the winter – I afterwards served in a detachment of Virginia militia at Yorktown at the Siege of Cornwallis [29 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where I served three months in addition to the foregoing
And I do further declare that in addition to my former Declaration and pursuant to the restrictions of the aforesaid act I do hereby freely relinquish every claim I have to any & every Pension which might or has been allowed and by the said United States previous to the passing of this act
In witness whereof I have subscribed this Declaration in presence of the Judge above mentioned at Ridgeway in the State of New York this twenty fifth day of July in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen
[signed] Peter Covert

Declaration in order to be restored to the Pension List Under the Act of First March 1823

State of New York } Ss

Orleans County } On this 22nd day of June 1825 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record in and for the County of Orleans Peter Covert resident of said County aged (65) years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following decleration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. That he the said Peter Covert enlisted in the New Jersey line of the Revolutionary Army in the company command by Captain Sevan in the regiment commanded by Col. Matfield and was afterwards in the company commanded by Captain Firman in the same line. that he continued to served in the said Corps untill he was discharged from the said Service in Elizabeth Town in the State of New Jersey that his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property

(N.B. The time he enlisted and the time he was Discharged is not recolected at this time)

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 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 person 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.

[signed] Peter Covert

An Inventory of the Estate of Peter Covert of the Town of Yates and County of Orleans aged (65) Years. he has no wife and now lives with his Son in Law George Houseman his Occupation is a Farmer and has for a number of Years been troubled with a Complaint which prevents his doing any labor

Real Estate now	worth \$0.00
One old Mare lame	" 30.
one Bridle and Halter old	" 00.50
one old Sadle	" 1.50
part of a old Cutter	" 1.50
one chest 2 feet long	" .50
part of a Sett of Shoe makers tools	" 1.00
one Razor & Box	" .37
one Empty Barrell	" .25
Two Rope traces	" .50
one Ax	" 1.00
one Hoe[?]	" .37
one ¾ [two illegible words] Broke off	" .12
one Iron Spoon	" .06
Due me from Dan'l Houseman	\$1.03 " 1.06
Due " from Slim Came[?] 62½	" .62½
	Amount \$37.85½

I do hereby Certify that the above is a true and just inventory of my property now on hand and also of all Debts due me

[signed] Peter Covert

A List of Debts that the said Peter Covert is now owing. June 22nd 1825

To Wm Thompson	\$30 00
" Gideon Scott	10 00
" May Low	2 00
" F Seborn	1 00
" Richard Burey	.50
" Mr Shipman	.50
" Mrs Coon	<u>1 00</u>
	\$45.00

I do herby Certify that the above is a true list of Debts Due by me this day June 22nd 1825

[signed] Peter Covert

NOTE: On 24 July 1825 Benjamin Covert stated that he had lived near his father, Peter Covert, "for fifteen years past that being the time he left his Fathers House and commend[?] for himself and that his Father never had much of any property but was almost Poor from his remembrance."