

PETER WYCKOFF

Peter Wyckoff was born, according to his affidavit of August 14, 1832 (now in Revolutionary S. F. 3603, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.), on December 20, 1757, near Middlebush, Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey, and was baptized January 22, 1758, as is recorded in the Register of Baptisms of the Six-Mile Run Dutch Reformed Church of Franklin Township. When a small boy he removed with his parents into the adjoining Township of Bridgewater. Nothing further is of record concerning him until he was nineteen years old, when he enlisted in the War of the American Revolution. Peter Wyckoff married Catherine Van Etten, 1784, within the precincts of the Old (North Branch) Readington Reformed Church, New Jersey, where she resided with her parents in Hillsborough Township, about three miles west of Bridgewater Township, in which Peter lived with his parents when he enlisted in the Revolution. Their children were: Sarah, Jemima, Catherine, Nelly (Eleanor), and Mary Magdalen.

Service: Peter Wyckoff volunteered in the year 1776. He enlisted seven times in the Revolution. Served as private in Capt. John Baird's Company, Second Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey State Troops; in Capt. Hulick's Company, Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia; in Capt. Cornelius Lett's Company, Second Battalion, Somerset County, New Jersey State Troops; in Lieut. Jacob G. Bergen's Company, Somerset County, New Jersey Troops; Participant in the Battle Of Monmouth (Court House), Freehold, New Jersey, June 28, 1778; also served as sentry on guard duty at General Washington's Headquarters (Jumel Mansion – near Washington Heights, New York City, now maintained as a museum), September – October, 1776.

When Peter Wyckoff was in the Battle of Monmouth, John Johnson of Kingston, New Jersey, also was there. Years later both men married, and a daughter (Sarah) of the former married a son (Johnson Stout) of the latter; both soldiers afterward resided in adjoining houses near Kingston, Both died there, and both lie in unmarked graves in the little private Johnson cemetery located between the two houses; the Johnson house now remains, but the Johnson Stout house, in which Peter died, was blown down a few years ago.

General Washington's order was that all men detailed as guards or sentries at places where he made his headquarters should be not less than six feet in height, well proportioned, of a good appearance, and intelligent. That requirement is the nearest to a description of the personal appearance of Peter Wyckoff that is available.

Peter Wyckoff was residing in South Brunswick Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey, at the time of his death, on or about September 4, 1840, in his eighty-third year. This township is four miles from Hillsborough Township, Somerset County, in which he was residing when he applied for a pension.

Mrs. Edward Lee McClain (Lulu Johnson McClain), descendant, is a member of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, and the National Daughter of 1812, on this line. A full account of Peter Wyckoff's service record may be found in the files of these societies, respectively.

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Summary:

Claos (____)=

Pieter Claessa van Norden

(alias Wyckoff) = Gristie Cornelise van Nes

Cornelis Wyckoff = Ceertje Simons van Arsdalen

Jan Wyckoff = Neeltje Schenek

Jacob Wyckoff = Catlytis (____)

Peter Wyckoff = Catherine van Etten

*Note. A complete history of the Wyckoff Family, ancestors of Mrs. Edward Lee McClain (Lulu Johnson McClain), Greenfield, Ohio may be found in Volume III of the genealogy, "The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families", in the Library of the Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Edward Lee McClain