

## Pension Application for George Scrambling (Scremling)

R.9323

State of Michigan

Washtenau County SS.

On this third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Circuit Court of [?] now sitting in and for said County George Scrambling a resident of the Township of Pitts in said County of Washtenau and State of Michigan aged about seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Canajoharie Montgomery County in the State of New York in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and sixty one. That he has no record of his ages state from recollection but thinks his father kept a record of his age which was burnt and destroyed with his fathers house and cannot state from his recollection the precise month [?] was informed by his parents that he was born in July [?] that he lived at the time he entered the service in what was then called Tryon County, which is now known by the name of Montgomery County in the State of New York. That he entered the service as a volunteer in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy Eight or Seventy nine by enlisting for the term of nine months in a company of new York state troops commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Willett acting commandant under as he believes under Colonel Gansevoort—That one James Quackenboss enlisted at the same time, into the same company—That after his enlistment he the said George Scrambling served as a private in said Company until the expiration of the term of his enlistment, when he again enlisted in said Company for the further term of nine months, that by reason of the Regiment in which he served having been divided among a number of Forts on the Mohawk River he cannot recollect the names of the Captains of the several companies, That he was acquainted with Captain Cannon, Captain McKean and Captain Nevil, That he enlisted in the company of Captain Gross, that at some period during the term of his services in said company it was under the command of Captain Gross, Lieutenant Trempe? Ensign Trotter and Sergeant Hamlin. That he was acquainted with Major Andrew Finck, and Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel VanDyke of the Continental Army. That he cannot recollect the number of the regimen to which he was attached. **The Regiment to which he was attached was divided among Fort Plain, Fort Plank, Fort Clyde, Fort Windecker and Fort Dayton on the frontier along the Mohawk River.** That after the expiration of the second term of his enlistment he served as a Scout in a company in a accompany [sic] Commanded by Captain Saben, attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Wayne and afterwards in a company commanded by Captain Mabie attached to Colonel Veeder's Regiment and that he was in the service at the close of the war. That during the whole time of his service in the Militia and State Troops he did not march from the frontier but was constantly stationed on the frontier on the Mohawk River and its vicinity then called Tryon County and now known as Montgomery County. That he was engaged in an action at Johnstown in Montgomery County with a party of British and soldiers. The British and Indians were commanded by Major Ross of the British Army—The British and Indians were defeated and dispersed, that he cannot recollect the time of this engagement but thinks it was near the close of the war. That he went on an expedition against the Fort at Oswego in the winter near the close of the war, with Colonel Willett's Regiment, that in this expedition Colonel Willett employed an Indian guide who lost his way by which means the expedition failed, that by reason of the extreme cold weather many suffered much from freezing their feet, That he was engaged in the action against the Indians at a place then called Turlock (now Sharon), Montgomery (or Schoharie) County in the State of New York—The Indians had burned Curry's town on the Mohawk River and had driven off cattle and taken some prisoners, Colonel Willett with his regiment went against them, and we took them at Sharon, at which place an engagement was had and the Indians were defeated, in which action Captain McKean of Colonel Willett's Regiment was killed that

he is unable to mention the time when this engagement took place.—That at the expiration of the time of his enlistment last mentioned he received from Colonel Willett a discharge the date of which he cannot recollect, which discharge has been lost or destroyed. That he continued to reside in the County of Montgomery until some time after the war, (the exact time he cannot recollect) when he moved to the town of Otsego in the County of Otsego in the state of New York where he resided until eighteen hundred and thirty three. That he has no documentary evidence of any kind to show that he has served as above stated, that he does not know of any person living who was knowing to his serving as a volunteer during the Revolutionary War except Seth Rowley of Unadilla in the County of Otsego in the State of New York whose affidavit is hereunto annexed—That George W. Foster of Saline in the County of Washtenaw aforesaid and David Scrambling a [?] —of him the said George scrambling last of Otsego in the County of Otsego and State of New York are the only persons residing in this vicinity within his knowledge whatsoever had been acquainted with his reputation for a number of years as to his service in the war of the Revolution. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) George Scremling

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year first aforesaid before me. A. M. Gould  
Dept'y Clerk.

Letter of inquiry dated August 15, 1938, in the pension folder.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Peter Scrambling who was killed at the battle of Oriskany; Lieutenant Henry Scrambling and David Scrambling, both of whom served in the Tryon County, New York Militia and were buried near Oneonta, New York (their surname being variously spelled).

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched carefully under all spellings of the surname Scremling and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service in that war of any of the soldiers named above. The only one of the surname found was George Scrambling or Scremling whose record follows as found in pension claim, R. 9323, based upon service in the Revolutionary War. It is hoped that this record may prove of interest to you in your research.

George Scremling or Scrambling applied for pension February 3, 1837, while living in Pitt Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, to which he moved in 1833 from Otsego, Otsego County, New York. He alleged that while a resident of Tryon County, New York, he volunteered in 1778 or 1779 for a term of nine months, served as a private in Captain Gross' company, Colonel Gansevoort's New York regiment; that upon the expiration of that term of enlistment, he enlisted for another term of nine months under the same officers, stationed at Fort Plain and along the frontiers off the Mohawk River in Tryon County; that he next served a tour in Captain Saben's Company, Colonel Wayne's regiment, and in Captain Mabie's company, Colonel Veeder's New York regiment, that he was in the battle of Johnstown in Montgomery County, near the close of the war went on an expedition against Oswego Fort under Colonel Willett in the New York troops and was in an engagement at a place then called Turlock but later Sharon, in Schoharie, formerly a part of Montgomery County, New York, in which engagement Captain McKean was killed. He alleged that he served to the close of the Revolution when he was discharged by Colonel Willett.

George Scrambling's claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service in accordance with the requirements of the pension law.

It is not stated in the claim whether the soldier ever married.

In 1837, George Scrambling's nephew, David Scrambling, age not given, was a resident of Washtenaw County, Michigan.