

Nestell, Peter

Saint Paul's Churchyard Inscription

CAPT 6 CO 2 NY ARTILLERY
REVOLUTIONARY WAR
1750 APR 30 1817

Revolutionary War Service:

Captain-Lieutenant in the 6th Company, 2nd New York Artillery of the Continental Army.

Old New York: a journal relating to the history and antiquities of New York City..., Volume 2

By Wesley Washington Pasko

p198: "List of Original Cincinnati of New York"

"Peter Nestell Captain Lieutenant New York Artillery Dead in 1817"

(See Claim of 2nd wife "Mary" identifying Peter Nestell as a "revolutionary officer.")

Notes:

Lucy "Nistell" (Nestell) is identified in the Saint Paul's Inscription book by Tombstone No. 220.

Peter "Nestle" (Nestell) is listed in the Daughters of the American Revolution database of Revolutionary Ancestors, which identifies his (first) wife as "Lucy."

Additional information:

Peter Nestell was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, with multiple references in Footnote.com, including Revolutionary War Rolls and pension information requests. From these records, it appears that his highest rank during Revolutionary War service period was as "Captain Lieutenant." On these rolls, he is not the only person listed as a "Captain Lieutenant," and it appears the progression at the time in the Continental Army was 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, then Captain Lieutenant.

Ceremony Commemorative Printed Program Paragraph:

Nestell, Peter. A lieutenant in the New York Artillery and member of the Society of the Cincinnati, Nestell's obituary records his Revolutionary War services *at the period of Arnold's defection [as] particularly conspicuous and procured him a prominent place in the favor of Gen. Washington, who afterwards gave him many evidences of his esteem and approbation, and to the hour of his death, spoke of him as one of his most faithful co-operators.* His obituary lists burial at the Old Church in Norfolk. His cenotaph is marked beside his first wife's grave.

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Nestell Peter

New York.

(Revolutionary War.)

Lieutenant | Lieutenant

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Early Recd

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Peter Nestell

Appears with the rank of Lieut on a

List*

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"Commissioned Officers."

(Revolutionary War.)

List dated _____

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Regt., Artillery

Remarks: _____

* This list appears in a book bearing the following certificate:
"State of New York, }
Secretary's Office. }

I certify that the foregoing Sheets * * * * * are truly Copied from a Book remaining in this office called the balloting book used by the Commissioners of the land office of this State in balloting for the lots of land Patented to Persons Serving in the Revolutionary War.

In witness whereof I have hereto affixed the Seal of this Office this twenty seventh day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen * * *

J. V. N. Yates,
Secretary of State.

NOTE. The above Returns do not include the names of Persons enlisted to Serve * * * * * for any other Period than during the war * * * * *

J. V. N. Y."

Number of record:

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OBITUARY.

Our paper of Wednesday last announced the demise of the Revolutionary Soldier, **MAJOR PETER NESTELL**, on Thursday his remains were consigned to the house appointed for all living. The procession which paid the last tribute of respect to their venerable friend and exemplary brother, was larger than we recollect to have witnessed on any similar occasion in this place. The corpse was preceded by the Junior, Independent and Light Artillery Corps, and followed by the Brethren of Lodges Nos. 1, 55, 16, many transient Brethren, and a number of respectable Citizens; after passing through some of the principal streets, the procession halted at the Presbyterian Church, where an appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev'd. Mr. PAXTON: thence they proceeded to the Old Church, and deposited his remains, accompanied with the usual Masonic and Military Honors.

To flatter the dead were injustice to the living, but to preserve a faithful portrait of departed virtue, is a duty enjoined as much by the precepts of morality, as it is strongly suggested by the finest feelings of humanity. When a Citizen dies whose career has been marked with any degree of public utility, we feel a lively regret for his loss and sympathize with his bereaved friends; but when one whose life has presented a constant picture of ardent patriotism and devotion to the best interests of the society of which he has been a member, passes from time to eternity, a wound is inflicted which nothing but the oblivious hand of time can cicatrize. To tell the worth of our departed friend and brother, we must give a short narrative of his career.

Major Nestell was born at **ALBANY**, in the State of New-York, of German parents, whence he was sent at an early age to Germany to be educated, where he finished his studies and acquired a knowledge of medical science. He returned to this country some time previous to the Revolutionary conflict.—Open and ingenuous in his character, his pulse beat high in the cause of liberty, and he arrayed himself under the banners of the immortal Washington, by whose notice he was soon distinguished, and promoted to the command of an Artillery Company. His services at the period of Arnold's defection were particularly conspicuous, and procured him a prominent place in the favor of Gen. Washington, who afterwards gave him many evidences of his esteem and approbation, and to the hour of his death, spoke of him as one of his most faithful co-operators. At the close of the Revolutionary War, he resumed the practice of medicine and by his urbanity of manners, and a benevolence which knew no bounds, he acquired the friendship and esteem of all who had any intercourse with him. A tender and affectionate husband to one of the most amiable of women, his house exhibited a picture of domestic felicity, which is rarely attainable by frail and imperfect mortals. By the death of Major Nestell, the Lodge has lost a Brother, whose conduct through a long and useful life, evidenced the purity of those principles which consecrate the Masonic character; cement men of every nation and every language in the bonds of fellowship, and disseminate to the world's remotest verge, the genuine spirit of philanthropy. Yet he has left us the consolation, that while his light is withdrawn from our temple below, it shines with increased lustre in that temple above, "whose maker and builder is GOD."—So mote it be.

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NESTLE, PETER

Ancestor #: A082447

Service: NEW YORK Rank: CAPTAIN

Birth: 1750 ALBANY NEW YORK

Death: 4-30-1817 NORFOLK VIRGINIA

Service Description: **1)** ALSO 2LT,1LT,CAPTS BAUMAN,FLEMING
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Residence

1) **State:** NEW YORK

Spouse

Number	Name
1)	LUCY

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