

**JACOB ANGUISH**, born Jacob Enckisch about 1720, was a farmer who emigrated from Germany to America, arriving in Philadelphia on September 9, 1751 on the Ship Patience. He settled in the Wyoming Valley along the Susquehanna River, where he held substantial property. Jacob served as a Ranger with the Indian Department and then as a Sergeant in Butler's Rangers starting in about 1777.

Jacob Anguish's experiences in Butler's Rangers, and his subsequent move to Upper Canada, are detailed in this petition to Lieut. Colonel De Peyster, Commanding Officer at Niagara, which was dated August 4, 1784, and is part of the Haldimand Papers held at the British Library:

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Most humbly therewith,

That your Petitioner in the year 1777 quitted his Habitation near the Susquahanna, and joined Lieut. Colonel Butler, under whose Command he went on the Expedition against Fort Stanwix, and was present at the Battle of Orisca <Oriskany>--

That when the Army retreated, he obtained permission From Lieut. Col. St. Ledger to return Home, in order to bring off his Family; but having the misfortune to be taken Prisoner on his journey, he was put into a dungeon at Hartford where he was detained nine months.

That during this confinement his sufferings had reduced him to such a state, that the Americans found it necessary to release him, and permit him to return to his Home --

That on arriving there he found that a Party of Indians had plundered his House and carried off his Wife and Children Prisoners; he therefore joined Colonel Butler a second time, and went with him on the Expedition against Wioming --

That during the time that your Petitioner remained in the Dungeon at Hartford, he was subjected to all the Sufferings which Pain, Sickness, and intense cold could produce --

That as he lay on the ground, his clothes were sometimes frozen to it; and that one morning, his Heel was frozen so fast in the Mud, that he was obliged to get one of his fellow Prisoners to disengage it, being himself so reduced by Sickness that he was incapable of making any Effort --

That having been ever afterwards troubled with pains in that Foot and Leg, an Ulcer at last broke out upon the Heel, attended with a disease of the Bone --

That after having undergone great Torments for near two years, he was, upon the Reduction of the Corps of Rangers, admitted into the Garrison Hospital at Niagara, where the Surgeons have found it absolutely necessary to cut off his Leg. --

That being now fifty nine years of Age; deprived of a Limb; and much reduced by a long course of Sickness and Distress, he is utterly incapable of maintaining himself and his Wife; and that they must therefore be reduced to the greatest Misery, unless His Excellency the Commander in Chief should take their case into consideration and be graciously pleased to make some small Provision for them --

That your Petitioner humbly hopes, that in case he should not recover from the operation, His Excellency will nevertheless extend his Bounty towards his helpless Widow now between Fifty and Sixty years of Age --

Your Petitioner concludes with humbly intreating that you would be pleased to lay his situation before His Excellency the Commander in Chief; and he will as in duty bound ever pray.

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Jacob, who was not able to read or write English, signed with his "X", and the petition was also signed by Captain John Butler, who noted:

I hereby certify the truth of the above Representation, and although I could not be a witness of his sufferings in the Dungeon, I think it necessary to observe that when he joined me at Tioga, his Limb was still swell'd to an enormous size --

Jacob DID survive his surgery, and lived until 1797 in the Niagara area. Jacob and his son, Henry, were first proven as United Empire Loyalists through the Grand River Branch of the UELAC.