

### **Pension Application for Nicholas Banker**

R.472 (Widow: Catharine or Caty) Married 1779 or 1780. Nicholas died May 26, 1835. Catharine died November 28, 1841, leaving the following children, Abraham Tuthill a son by her first husband, Catharine Dutcher and Ann Storm. Nicholas was successful in getting his pension, but the widow and children apparently were not. Nicholas stated his occupation was a cooper. Westchester County SS.

Nicholas Banker of the Town of Greensburgh in the said County of Westchester being duly sworn on his oath saith that he belonged to the Regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel James Hammon in the company commanded by Captain Gabriel Requa in the County of Westchester during the revolutionary war, and the deponent further saith that he with others belonging to the said Regiment volunteered under the command of the said Captain Requa for the space of one month on or about the fifteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven to form a light corps for the purpose of repelling the invasion of the scouts and detached parties of the British troops and watching the movements of the enemy who were then lying in and about the neighbourhood of Kingsbridge and Fort Independence and the deponent further saith that on the second day of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight the said company while under the command of the said Captain Requa attacked a company or corps of British troops and refugees in the Town of Greensburgh in said county near a place called Storm's bridge in which engagement the said deponent received a wound by a musket ball in his right thigh the ball striking his thigh on the inside, which said wound confined the deponent to his house until sometime after the term of his service as such volunteer had expired—and the deponent further saith that soon after the Revolutionary War this deponent applied to Messrs Varrick and Platt of the City of New York for the purpose of procuring a pension in consequence of his wound & that on making such application the Messrs Varrick and Platt received the deponent's application with considerable harshness and declared they would have nothing to do with it unless it was made in a different manner & form and the deponent saith that on returning home and consulting with his friends and fellow sufferers some of whom had likewise been repulsed by the said Varrick and Platt and not knowing the forms required or possessing the means of acquiring such knowledge; that deponent resolved to exert himself and the endeavour to live without procuring aid from his country which he has done until that time but finding that his leg sometimes lame and grows worse as he advances in age he by the advise of his friends makes this second application for a pension and the deponent saith that he is not on the pension list of any state and further saith not. (Signed) Nicholas Banker

Sworn this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1826 before me. Nathaniel Bayles, Commissioner &c.

This is to certify that I have rec'd of Nicolas Bancker the sum of five pounds for cureing up the wound he rec'd year 1778 in an action against the Brithesh in the late war the 12 day of Jany'f 1787. Per Dr. Mr. [Englehart Kemmicass?] New York Aprill the 7<sup>th</sup> 1788.

Letter in file dated August 15, 1938, written in reply to a request for information.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers filed in the pension claims under R.472, based upon the service of Nicholas Banker in the Revolutionary War and upon disability resulting from that service.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Nicholas Banker are not shown.

September 1, 1824, while residing in Greensburg, Westchester County, New York, Nicholas Banker applied for pension and stated that he volunteered at Greensburg, New York, of which place he was then as resident, December 15, 1777, served as corporal in Captain Gabriel Requa's Company Colonel James Hammon's New York Regiment, and on January 2, 1778, while in an engagement with the British and refugees at Storm's Bridge in the town of Greensburg, received a wound in his right thigh

which would confine him to his home until sometime after the term for which he had volunteered had expired. He was allowed pension on account of disability resulting from the above noted wound.

He died May 26, 1835, at Greensburg, New York.

The soldier married in 1779 or 1780, exact date not shown, Catherine Tuthill, a widow, maiden name Acker, of Groton, Town of Cortlandt, Westchester County, New York, date and place of her birth and names of her parents not shown nor is the Christian name of her former husband or date of his death given.

May 11, 1839, while residing in Greensburg, New York, Catharine Banker, then aged eighty years, applied for the pension which might have been due on account of the service of her husband, Nicholas Banker, in the Revolutionary War, it was stated that her husband enlisted in July, 1776, and served [?] Captain Gload Requa's Company, Colonel James Hamman's New York Regiment and served six weeks; that he enlisted in November, 1776, served in Captain Sybert Acker's Company, Colonel James Hamman's New York Regiment until about May 1, 1777; that from November, 1777, he served under Colonel James Hamman in the New York troops and late in February, 1778, while in action with British and refugees, received a wound in his thigh and was unable to do any further service during that year; that in the summer of 1779, although lame, he served again in Colonel James Hamman's Regiment, New York troops. Her claim was not allowed as she failed to furnish proof of service of her husband for six months which was required by the pension law under which she applied.

Catharine Banker died at Greensburg, New York, November 28, 1841.

The following names of children are shown:

Isaac Banker, born December 30, 1783.

Caty or Catharine Banker, born January 14, 1785, married \_\_\_\_ Dutcher.

Jemima Banker, born January 3, ;1788.

Johannes or John Banker, born September 12, 1789 or December 12, 1791 (Both dates given) Married March 5, 1820, Jemima Acker, and died in 1825.

Anne or Ann Banker, born March 25, 1800, married \_\_\_\_ Storms.

The widow was survived by two of the above named children, Catharine Dutcher and Ann Storms and by a son by her former marriage, Abraham Tuthill, date of his birth not given.

The soldier and his wife were members of the Dutch Reformed Church of Tarrytown, New York.

In 1839, one Garet Storms lived in Westchester County, New York, and was aged about forty-five years; no relationship to Ann Banker Storms, daughter of the soldier, Nicholas Banker, was stated. In 1839, Christiana Romer, of Greensburg, New York, stated that she was a first cousin to the soldier, Nicholas Banker, but did not give the names of her parents.