

Pension Application for Adam Bellinger

W.23583

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"-

State of New York

County of Orleans

On this 9th day of July 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber, a judge of the court in and for said county, Lena G. Bellinger, a resident of Shelby and said county, aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows"--

That she is the widow of Adam Bellinger who was a soldier in the war of the revolution; that her husband the aforesaid Adam Bellinger served at Stone Arabia on the Mohawk River at the time of the war of the revolution; and was a long time in the boating service, (1) for this army on the Mohawk River; and he was in the army as a private in the war of the revolution under various officers from 1778 or 1779 to the close of its disturbance; Capt Jacob Dievendorf (2), Capt Peter Suits (3), Capt House, Col. Clyde, Col. Waggoner, and perhaps Col. Willett (4), but as to officers, she cannot be sure, but she believes the above named were at least some of those mentioned by her husband, and under whom he must have served, he was in the Battle of Johnstown. (5)

She further declares that she was married to the said Adam Bellinger near Little Falls on the Mohawk River, she believes by Rev. Mr. Rosencrantz in the fall of 1786 seven hundred and eighty six, that her husband the aforesaid Adam Bellinger, died in September 1822 eighteen hundred and twenty two. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four. Viz, prior to the time above stated that she has no family record. Lena Bellinger (her mark)

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before James Gilson one of the Judges of Orleans County Courts.

State of New York

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Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Anna Eve Garter of Shelby in said county, aged forty six years, being born in 1798 seven hundred and ninety eight, after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that widow Lena G. Bellinger who is applying for a pension as the widow of Adam Bellinger, late a soldier in the war of the revolution was this deponents father and that this deponent is the fifth child of her said father and mother that she has no doubt of her age, being as stated, that she was of sufficient age at the time of the "Great Eclipse" in 1806 to recollect it distinctly; that she can recollect that she was at that time eight years of gage, that she has from a child always understood and believed that her said father resided near the Mohawk river serving the war of the revolution and that he served in that war as a soldier; that her said father died in September 1822, eighteen hundred and twenty two, leaving as his widow the said Lena G Bellinger, who still remains his widow.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9 day of July 1844, James Gilson, J.P.
Ann Eve Bellinger (her mark)

State of New York

County of Orleans

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Jacob Bellinger, of Shelby in Said county, aged thirty nine years after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that widow Lena G. Bellinger, who is applying for a pension as the widow of Adam Bellinger is this deponents father and that this deponent is the eighth child of his said father and mother, that he has from a child been informed and believed that his said father had been engaged in the service in the war of the revolution this deponent can well recollect that his eldest sister was a young woman grown when he was a little child; that his said father died in the fall of 1822, eighteen hundred and twenty two leaving as his widow the said widow Lena G. Bellinger, who still remains a widow.

Subscribed and sworn before me. This 9th day of July 1844. James Gilson J.P. Jacob Bellinger
I certify that the above named Jacob Bellinger is a respectable person.

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Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, Nicholas Smith of Shelby in said county, aged sixty one years, after being duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith, that he has for forty seven years been acquainted with widow Lena G. Bellinger and her late husband Adam Bellinger late a soldier in the war of the revolution on whose account she is applying for a pension, that she is the identical person who was the wife of the late Adam Bellinger at the first acquaintance of this deponent that this deponent resided for several months in the family of the said parties when he was fourteen years of age, that the said parties had a legal fruit of their marriage at that time then children that this deponent while recollecting their children at and from that time, and can judge from his own age and from his age at the time he resided in the family that the said parties and from a comparison of his age and the oldest child of the said parties, that the eldest child [ends]

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Judge and surrogate of the said county and state at a Surrogate Court holden in my office in the said county on the 8th day of December 1851, I hereby certify that satisfactory evidence was thus exhibited to said court that Lena G. Bellinger (widow of Adam Bellinger deceased) who had made application for a pension from the state of New York, died a widow in the first day of April 1848 eighteen hundred and forty eight, leaving at her death the following named children her surviving and who still survive, being her only children her surviving and that each of them is over the age of twenty one years, to wit—Ann Garter, Elizabeth Hall, Christiana Wetherwax, Catherine Wetherwax. I further certify that Robert Garter of Shelby, Orleans County in the right of his wife Ann Garter above named as one of the children has been appointed administrator of the whole of the said Lena G. Bellinger and that he is duly qualified to act as such, and further that he has appointed Arad Joy of Ovid New York his agent and attorney to manage his claims.

In testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed by official seal, this 8th day of December 1851.

H. R. Curtis, County Judge of Orleans County, NY acting as Surrogate.

State of New York
County of Herkimer
February 20th 1845

I Augustus Beardsles one of the acting judges of the county courts of said county, do hereby certify that I have examined an old book of the record of marriages and baptisms said to have been kept by Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz, Grandfather of Abraham G. Rosencrantz of Little Falls in said county and said book is now in my presence. Said book is a manuscript book bound in parchment and I certify that I am fully satisfied of the fact of the penmanship of the said book as being what it purports to be, a record of marriages he ??? the old book which as kept by the Rev. Abraham Rosencrantz that in said book is the record of the following marriage viz "1786, 31st October, Adam Bellinger and Lena G. Timmerman" and that said record has every appearance of having been made and entered at the time of the date of said marriages as ?? entered.

Augustus Beardsles one of the judges of the County Courts of Herkimer County.

Letter in file dated December 19, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Adam Bellinger, pension claim W. 23583.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, W. 23538, based upon the service of Adam Bellinger in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of this soldier are not given, nor are the names of his parents stated.

While a resident of Herkimer County, New York, on the Mohawk River, Adam Bellinger was in the boating service, no dates of this service given. He served from sometime in 1778 or 1779 as private at various time in the New York Troops under Captain Jacob Diffendorf, Peter Suits, Joseph House, Colonels Samuel Clyde and Peter Waggoner, was in the Battle of Johnstown and on the "Mohawk Frontier" to protect the inhabitants, continued in the service until the close of the war.

Adam Bellinger married, October 31, 1786 near Little Falls on the Mohawk River, Lena G. Zimmerman. They were married at her father's house (names of her parents not given), by the Reverend Abraham Rosencrantz of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Adam Bellinger died in September, 1822 or 1823 in Shelby, Orleans County, New York.

His widow, Lena G. Bellinger was allowed pension on her application executed July 9, 1844, at which time she was seventy-seven years of age and living in Shelby, New York. She died April 1, 1848 in Orleans County, New York.

Their eldest child, Betsey, was born about the year 1790; their fifth child, Ann Eve, was born about the year 1798, she in 1844 was living in Shelby, New York, then signed "Ann Eve Garter; their eighth child, Jacob was thirty-nine years of age in 1844, then a resident of Shelby, New York.

The following children survived their mother: Ann Garter, Elizabeth Hall, Christiana Wetherwax, and Catharine Wetherwax.

Robert Garter of Shelby, New York, husband of the above named Ann Garter, was in 1851 appointed administrator of the estate of the widow, Lena G. Bellinger.

There are no further data in this claim concerning their children.

Margaret Reid or Reed, sister of the widow, Lena G. Bellinger, was eighty years of age in 1844 and living in Wales, Erie County, New York. Nancy Eve Petrie, the soldier's sister was eighty years old in 1848, then living in Herkimer County, New York.

End Notes—W.23583—Adam Bellinger

1. Adam is on Captain Samuel Gray's Company of Bateamen Muster Roll for 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, series M-246, Roll 122, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. There was more than one Adam Bellinger who served in the Tryon County Militia so it is hard to prove which one served under whom. Captains Jacob Diefendorf and Jost (Joseph) House would have been in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia (Canajoharie District). This regiment was formed on the south side of the Mohawk River. Samuel Clyde was the Lieutenant-Colonel of this regiment.
3. Captain Peter Suts was in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia (Palatine District). There was an Adam Bellinger who served in Captain Severinus Klock's Company in the same regiment. This regiment was formed on the north side of the Mohawk River unless Adam moved from one side to the other side, he could not have served in both regiments. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Waggoner served in Colonel Klock's Regiment.
4. Marinus Willett was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant on April 27, 1781 of a regiment of New York States Levies which was stationed in the Mohawk Valley. Willett also had command of the Tryon County Militia so Adam would have at times been under Willett.
5. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Willett was the commander of the Americans in this battle.