

Pension Application for Henry Bertholf or Bartholp

R.801 (Widow: Anna) Married 21 November 1773, died 24 January 1818.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the aCt of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this sixteenth day of September eighteen hundred and forty six personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Orange and state aforesaid Anna Bertholf aged eighty nine years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration (to the best of her memory and recollection) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 (that she is the identical Anna Bertholf who made a declaration before John Sutton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the month of March or April) that she is the widow of Henry Bertholf who was Ensign under Capt. Peter Bertholf and that the company belonged to Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment and that her husband the said Henry Bertholf served six month in year seventeen hundred and seventy six to the best of her memory and recollection, where he was stationed during that time she cannot state at this late day, by which she knows the service in the year 1776 was by finding an old day book of the said Henry Bertholf her husband, by reference to the affidavit of Henry W. Bertholf will make it more fully appear which will accompany this Declaration. She further saith that there is none now living by which the service before stated can be proved.

She would further state that on account of old age and the loss memory she cannot state to what company he blonged nor what Regiment during the before named [?] the services.

She further declares that her husband the said Henry Bertholf served in each of the following years that is to say in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven, seventy eight, seventy nine, and eighty in each year at least two month to the best of her memory and recollection, by which she includes the fifty one days services rendered by her husband and the said Henny Bertholf as a substitute for Capt. Peter Bertholf and in which the said Henry Bertholf acted as captain during that time, the proof of the fifty one is hereto annexed.

She further declares that her husband the said Henry Bertholf was engaged with the Indian in a Battle with them, at a place called Minisink, the year she cannot state.

She further declares that he was stationed during the war of the Revolution at the following places namely Minisink, Haverstraw, Paramus, Closter, Hoppertown, and the entrance of Smith Clove (now Ramapough) at which latter place he was stationed for a considerable time.

She further declares that her husband the said Henry Bertholf has informed her of all the places above named where he was stationed during the war of the Revolution. She further declares that the said Henry Bertholf was elected by the company to which he belonged Ensign and acted as such during the war of the Revolution under Capt. Peter Bertholf & Col. John Heathorn.

She further declares that on account of her extreme old age and the loss of memory she cannot state the month nor the tours with any claim of certainty or as minutely as the War Department requires for which she asked the indulgence of the Honorable Secretary of War and the Commissioner of Pensions and must now submit her claim.

She has however endeavoured to give the years in which her husband the said Henry Bertholf tours of duty were performed in the war of the Revolution and she has stated no more than what she conscientiously believes to be true, to err is human to forgive divine, if however she should have erred in any of the foregoing statements it is an error of the head and not of the heart.

She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Bertholf on the twenty first day of November seventeen hundred seventy three that her husband the aforesaid Henry Bertholf died on the twenty fourth day of January eighteen hundred and eighteen and that she has remained a widow ever

since that period as will more fully appear by reference to her declaration made before John Sutton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the month of March or April 1846. (Signed with her mark) Anna Bertholf

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before. John Sutton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

Births

Henry Bertholf (son of Jacobus and Elizabeth Bertholf was born the 12th day of August 1750.

Anna Vandervoort (daughter of John and Catharine Vandervoort was born July 6, 1757.

Jacobus Bertholf (son of Henry and Anna Bertholf) was born May 30th 1776.

Mary Wisner (daughter of Henry and Susan Wisner) was born November 11th 1779.

Henry W. Bertholf (son of Jacobus & Mary Bertholf was born January 1st 1798.

John W. Bertholf (son of Jacobus & Mary Bertholf) was born May 30th 1811.

James Nelson Bertholf (son of Jacobus & Mary Bertholf was born September 5th 1815.

Marriages

Henry Bertholf was married to Anna Vandervoort 21st November 1773.

Jacobus Bertholf was married to Mary Wisner the 23rd day of June 1796.

Deaths

Henry Bertholf departed this life 24th January 1818 aged 67 years 5 months and 12 days.

Letter in file dated November 25, 1930 written in response to a letter of inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.801, that Henry Bertholf the son of Jacobus and Elizabeth, was born August 12, 1750.

He married November 21, 1773, Anna Vandervoort, who was born in July 1757, and was the daughter of John and Catharine Vandervoort.

Henry Bertholf died January 24, 1818.

On account of his services in the Revolution, his widow, Anna, applied for pension April 2, 1846, and at that time was living in Orange County, New York.

It was alleged that Henry Bertholf enlisted in 1776 and served at least six months each year until 1780. It was again alleged that he served at least two months each year during the years, 1777, 1788, 1779, and 1780. It was also alleged that he served nine or twelve days in 1777 during alarms at Minisink, as an ensign, belonged to the Warwick Regiment under Colonel Hathorn. It was still further alleged that he served at least three months each year during 1777, 1778, 1779 and 1780.

On February 19, 1778 he was commissioned ensign in Captain Peter Bertholf's company in Colonel John Hathorn's regiment of militia in Orange County, New York.

His commission as captain in Lieutenant Colonel Henry Wisner's regiment of Orange County militia was dated September 26, 1786.

His commission as second major in Lieutenant Colonel David McCamly's regiment of Orange County militia was dated December 7, 1795.

The pension law required that the widow furnish proof that the soldier rendered at least six months military service during the Revolution. This requirement was not fulfilled and the pension was not allowed.

Henry and Anna Bertholf had a son, Jacobus, born May 30, 1776 and died prior to April 2, 1846. Jacobus married June 23, 1796, Mary Wisner, who was born November 11, 1779 and was the daughter of Henry and Susan Wisner.

Jacob and Mary Bertholf had the following children:

Henry W. born January 1, 1798.

John W. born May 30, 1811.

James Nelson born September 5, 1815.