

Pension Application for Michael Burgess

W.18674 (Widow: Hannah)
State of New York
Cayuga County SS.

On this 9th day of November 1850 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in & for said County Jacob Burgess a resident of the County of Tompkins & State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act or Joint Resolution of Congress of 1st July 1848.

That he is the administrator of Hannah Burgess deceased who was the widow of Michael Burgess who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States under the Act of March 18th 1818 at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum. That the said Hannah Burgess at the time of her death had not intermarried but continued the widow of the above mentioned Michael Burgess & was at the time of her death a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$80.00 per Annum & died on the 21st day of May 1849 & that at her death she left the following named children her surviving who are her only children surviving to wit. Jacob Burgess of Ithaca NY & Austin Burgess of Ypsilanti in the State of Michigan.

This claim is made in order to obtain the benefit of the Joint Resolution of Congress of 1st July 1848 granting an increase of the pension of the said Hannah Burgess to the same rate per annum that was allowed her husband to wit ninety six dollars per annum the pension certificate of the said Hannah Burgess was as this deponent believed returned. (Signed) Jacob Burgess

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year first above written before me & I certify that the above named Jacob Burgess is a credible person. Harvey Heath Justice Peace.

Putnam County
State of New York SS.

In Putman County Court of Common Pleas June 1820—On this 7 day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record by virtue of the Statute, Michael Burgess aged fifty seven years seven months and twenty seven days resident in the Town of Carmel County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. To wit. That he entered under Lieutenant Bowen (1) in Capt. Lenard Blakers [Bleecker] (2) Company in the 3d New York Regm, Commanded by Colo Peter Gansevoort of the New York Line, that after a new arrangement he was transferred to Capt. Cornelius J. Johnston's Company in Colo Van Schaicks Regm.(3) That he is inscribed on the pension list roll of the New York Agency and his certificate is dated at Washington the War Office of the United States the 29th day of September 1818b and that his pension commenced the 21st day of March 1818 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States ont eh 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to being myself with the provisions of an act of Congress entitled " an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed and that I the same Michael Burgess am a common Labourer not having my [?] That from inability and age am unable to labour steadily that my family consists of the following persons. Viz, Michael Burgess aged as above Hannah Burgess aged 58 years unable to labour.

James Burgess aged 15 years unable to support himself.

(Signed) Michael Burgess (4)

Schedule. One cow two swine six chairs 2 pails 2 cots and both broke one frying pan one griddle one churn six plates 2 broken dishes 6 spoons 6 cups 8 saucers 6 knives & forks 1 chest one table one stand one pair of shove & tongs 1 pr handirons 1 smoothing iron two milk pans 1 earthen pot 1 ax one wash tub and barrel. (Signed) Michael Burgess.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before the Judges of the same this seventh day of June 1820.
Attest Rowland Bailey, Clerk

End Notes—W.18674—Michael Burgess

1. Prentice Bowen, Second Lieutenant in Captain Leonard Bleecker's Company (Eighth Company) in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment.
2. Michael enlisted as a private in Captain Bleecker's Company on May 22, 1777 for "during war".
3. On January 1, 1781 the First and Third New York Continental Regiments were consolidated into one regiment. Colonel Goose VanSchaick remained the Colonel of the First New York until the end of the war. Captain Cornelius T. Jansen was transferred to the Frst New York from the Third New York on January 1, 1781.

4. It is always interesting that when a soldier applies for a pension that he didn't mention any of the battles or campaigns that he was in to help support his pension application. Michael as part of the Third New York would have been in the siege of Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix) in August of 1777. As part of the Third New York he would have been in the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign in 1779 against the Iroquois in the western part of New York. In 1781 while in the First New York, Michael served in the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781. These are some of the major campaigns that Michael served in besides other battles that he might have been in.