

Pension Application for Sylvanus Ferris

W.2088 (Widow: Lydia) Married February 14, 1815. Sylvanus died October 13, 1827.
B.L.Wt.9473-160-55

By Richard Varick and Richard Platt of the City of New York, Esquires.

This is to certify that in pursuance of the law of the State of New York entitled an act making provision for Officers, Soldiers and seamen who have been disabled in the service of the United States passed 22 of April 1786, we have examined Sylvanus Ferris late of Bedford in the County of Westchester but now of Noblestown now in the County of Columbia Farmer: and find that he enlisted a private in Capt. Richard Sacketts Company in the Regiment aforesaid To Wit: On the fifth day of September in the year 1781 being on duty with a party under the command of Capt. Cherry of the Same Regiment at NorthCastle in the County of Westchester he received a wound by a musket ball from a party of enemy which entered his left cheek broke his jawbone and lodged under his left ear, from whence it was extracted some time in May 1784. That the wound frequently breaks out especially in hot weather, wholly disables him from any kind of labor. That on the sixteenth of August last he was twenty four years of age, wherefore in pursuance of the law aforesaid we do further certify that upon the principle of the act of Congress of the seventh day of June 1785 the said Sylvanus Ferris is entitled to receive from the Treasurer of this State a yearly Pension of Thirty six dollars from the first day September in the said year of our Lord 1781 if not before pain.—

Given under our hands this 29th day of March 1787, Richard Varick, Richard Platt

Letter in file dated January 10, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.2088 it appears that Sylvanus Ferris was born August 16, 1762.

He enlisted in the early part of the war and served as a private in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment, New York Troops. On September 5, 1781 at Northcastle, Westchester County, New York while serving in a detachment under Captain Cherry of said Regiment, he was wounded by a musket ball that entered his left cheek, broke his jawbone and lodged in his left ear.

He was allowed pension from December 1, 1781 on account of disability resulting from said wound. On March 29, 1787 he was a resident of Noblestown, Columbia County, New York, but formerly of Bedford, Westchester County, New York. He later lived in Coeymans' Abraham County, and in 181- in Murray, Genesee County, New York. He died October 13, 1827 in Clarkson, Monroe County, New York. Soldier married February 14, 1815 in said Clarkson Lydia . . . who as allowed pension on her application executed April 21, 1853 while a resident of Union, Monroe County, New York aged eighty-two years. There is no further data on file as to his family.