

### **Pension Application for Theodosius Fowler**

W.16575 (Widow: Maria)

B.L.Wt.728-300-Capt. Issued July 9, 1790

Revolutionary Claims. Form of a Declaration to be made by the Officers.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828, I, Theodosius Fowler of the City of Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, in the State of New Jersey do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such\* to the end of the War at which period I was a Captain in the Second regiment of the New York line, at which period I was a Captain in the Second regiment of the New York line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 1780. (Signed) Theod Fowler

Witness my hand, this nineteen day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight.

Before me Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York in the State of New York personally appeared, this day, James Fairlie & Gary Dunn Jun of the said City who did severally make oath that the said Theodosius Fowler, by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is generally reputed and believed to have been an officer in the Army of the Revolution, in manner as therein stated.

Witness my hand this nineteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty eight. Sworn before me this 19<sup>th</sup> R. Riker, Recorder, G. Dunn Jnr.

I, Nicholas Dean, Clerk of the Court of the County of New York in the State of New York, do hereby certify, that Richard Riker Esquire before whom the foregoing affidavits were sworn, was at the time, Recorded of the City of New York, and duly empowered to administer oaths.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the said Court, this nineteenth day of June in the year, One thousand eight hundred & twenty eight. N. Dean

Declaration. Act of July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 and August 23d 1842.

In the Marine Court of the City of New York. Present J. Hammond Justice.

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty three before the Marine Court of the City of New York personally appeared Theodosius O. Fowler of the City aged fifty one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 and August 23d 1842.

That he is a son of Maria Fowler widow of Theodosius Fowler of the City of New York. That his father the said Theodosius Fowler was an officers to wit-a Captain in the War of the Revolution in New York line of the Continental Army and as such

received pay under the Act of 1828 at the rate of \$460 per annum until the time of his death.

Declarant further testifies that his father and mother the said Theodosius and Maria Fowler were duly married by the Reverend Dr. Beach at the City of New York on the twenty first day of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and eight four, the time aforesaid in the accompanying record of marriages as Declarant verily believes. That the Christian name of his mother was Mary Steele.

Declarant further states that his father the said Theodosius Fowler departed this life on the sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand and eight hundred and forty one and that his widow Maria Fowler departed this life on the twenty ninth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two having never again married.

That Declarant and Maria Stevens are the only surviving children of the said Theodosius and Maria Fowler and are both of lawful age. (Signed) Theo D. Fowler

Sworn to and subscribed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843 in open Court. H. Hammond, Justice of said Court.

Letter in folder dated March 24, 1832, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Fowler and that of Captain Theodosius Fowler, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Regiment, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt.

There is no claim for pension on bounty land on file which was made to the United States based upon service of a James Fowler. The data which follow were found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.16575 based upon service of Captain Theodosius Fowler in that war.

Theodosius Fowler served as Captain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of the New York Line and continued until the end of the Revolutionary War; the length of his service and date of commission as captain are not shown in this claim.

He was allowed pension on account of his service as a soldier in that war on his application executed July 30, 1825, at which time he resided in Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey. His name was transferred subsequently from the New Jersey pension roll to that of New York City, New York. He died October 16, 1841, in New York City; he was referred to then as Major Theodosius Fowler.

Captain Theodosius Fowler married September 21, 1784, Mary Steele; they were married by the assistant Minister of Trinity Church, in New York City, where her name was recorded as Mary; however, she was called Maria. Maria Fowler, the officers' widow, died September 29, 1842, at the age of eighty-two years. The funeral was held September 31, at the home of her son-in-law, James A. Stevens, at 86 Franklin Street, New York city; the interment was in East Chester.

January 24, 1843, Theodosius O. Fowler, aged fifty-one years son of the above noted officer, resided in New York City. He and his sister, Maria Stevens, were then the only surviving children of Captain (Major) Theodosius Fowler. The pension which was due their mother at the time of her death was paid to those two children.

There are no further data regarding the family of this officer in the papers on file in this claim.

It is suggested that information in regard to the military record of Theodosius Fowler might be obtained from the Adjutant General, War Department, this city, custodian of military records.

Captain Theodosius Fowler was granted 300 acres of bounty land on warrant #728, issued July 9, 1790, on account of his service in the Revolutionary War.