

## Pension Application for Nicholas Hill

W.11.294

B.L. Wt.321-60-55

No. of Original payment 691

Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department

Sept. 16, 1828

Nicholas Hill of Florida, in the County of Montgomery, in the State of New York, has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in captain B. Hicks's company, in the First regiment of the New York line; and does not recollect that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By order of the Secretary. A. Dirkins

Treasury Department

Third Auditor's Office,

22<sup>nd</sup>, September 1828

It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to Nicholas Hill in the New York line.

It further appears that Nicholas Hill is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3d March 1826.

Peter Hayner Aud.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of certain persons, officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828, I Nicholas Hill of Florida in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for said during war [line blotted] service until the termination of which period I was a sergeant in Captain Benjamin Hicks Company in the first regiment of the New York line. And I also declare that if I have received a certificate for the reward of Eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778 the fact has escaped [?] and I further declare that I was not on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1828 on the pension list of the United States. (Signed) Nicholas Hill

Form of a Declaration

To be made by a person who has never before had a Land Warrant or made a declaration therefor.

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On this Eleventh day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Nicholas Hill, aged eighty nine years, a resident of Florida, Montgomery County in the State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Nicholas Hill, who was a Drummer in the Company, commanded by Captain Aaron Austin, (1) in the first New York regiment (2) of Infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cornelius VanDyke (3) in the War with Great Britain, known as the Revolutionary War, that he enlisted at Albany N.Y. on or about the fifteenth day of December A.D. seventeen hundred and seventy six (4) for the term of during the War and continued in actual service in said War for the term of ten years and was honorably discharged at Newburgh NY on the eighth day of June A.D. seventeen hundred and eighty three.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land, one hundred ninety acres to which he may be entitled, under the act approved March 3d, 1855. He also declares that he has not received a Warrant for Bounty Land under this, nor any other act of Congress, nor made any other application therefor.

(Signature of Claimant. Nicholas Hill

NB The above named Nicholas Hill entered the Army as a drummer and was subsequently appointed to that office of sergeant (5) of Infantry in which capacity he also served. He is now drawing a pension and has been, since August 3d, 1829. DD [ ? ? ? ? ] See by the book \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department.

Form of a Declaration

To be made by the widow of a deceased person who has not had a land warrant.  
State of New York.

County of Montgomery. SS

On this Twenty fifth day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty six, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Mrs. Sarah Hill aged fifty five years, a resident of Florida, Montgomery County in the State of New York, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of Nicholas Hill, deceased, who was a Drummer in the Company commanded by Captain Aaron Austin, in the First New York Regiment of Infantry, commanded by Lieut. Col. Cornelius VanDyke, in the War with Great Britain, known as the Revolutionary War. That her said husband enlisted at Albany N.Y. on or about the fifteenth day of December A.D. 1777 for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ and continued in actual service in said War for the term of five years and was honorably discharged at Newburgh NY on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1783.

She further states that she was married to the said Nicholas Hill in Malta, Saratoga Co. NY on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1834 by one Rev. Henry Stead, a Methodist Clergyman and that her name before he said marriage was Sarah Hegeman that her said husband died at Florida, Montgomery Co. NY on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1851; and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land, to which she may be entitled, under the act approved March 3d, 1855.

(Claimant's Signature.) Sarah Hill

State of New York

City and County of Albany SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred fifty six, before the Justice of the Justice Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) personally appeared Sarah Hill, a resident of the Town of Florida in the County of Montgomery and State of New York aged fifty five years, who first being duly affianced according to law, doth on her affirmation? Make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed on the 3d of February 1853, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War, that she is the widow of Nicholas Hill who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution, and was in his lifetime a Pensioner of the United States, under the Act of congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1828.

She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Hill on the twenty seventh day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four; that her said husband died on the fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six; that she was not married to him prior to the second of January eighteen hundred, but at the time above stated. She further declares that she is now a widow, and has remained unmarried ever since the death of said Nicholas Hill.

She further declares that her name previous to her marriage with the said Nicholas Hill was Sarah Hegeman; that they were married at the Town of Malta, in the County of Saratoga, State of New York and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry Stead, a Methodist Minister, who is now deceased.—The words "Sworn" and "Oath" erased & the words "affianced" and "affirmation" inserted before being signed.

(Signed) Sarah Hill

Affirmed and Subscribed in open Court on the day & year first above written .—Witness the seal of the said Court and the signature of the Clerk thereof. H. P. Nugent, Clerk

State of New York

City & County of Albany SS

Justice Court of the City of Albany, James Mix of the City of Albany being duly sworn according to law, deposes that he was well acquainted with the within named Nicholas Hill in his life time and is well acquainted with his Widow Sarah Hill, the above named Declarant.

That Deponent knew them as Husband & Wife for many years, that they cohabited together as such and were so recognized in the neighborhood where they resided—That said Nicholas died, as Deponent is informed and believes on the 14th day of June last past at his residence in Florida, State of New York leaving said Sarah his widow. Deponent further saith that she has ever since assumed & remains a widow—That her name before her marriage was Sarah Hegeman & she then resided in Malta, Saratoga County, NY.

(Signed James Mix

Sworn to & Subscribed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856, in open court and it is hereby certified that the said James Mix is well known to the court, and is a credible witness.

Witness the seal of this and Justice Court & the signature of the Clerk thereof. H. P. Nugent, Clerk

Excerpts from the family Bible. BIRTHS

Nicholas Hill was born in the Town of Schenectada Dec 22d 1766. His 1<sup>st</sup> wife Anna was 47 years old when she died. 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Catherine was born Sept. 21, 1786. 3<sup>rd</sup> wife Sarah was born March 19, 1792.

My daughter Martha Philips was born May 6<sup>th</sup> 1786. Her daughter was born May 15<sup>th</sup> 1811. A second daughter born July 10<sup>th</sup> 1814, baptized Sally Addams.

My daughter Petershe Stuart was born July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788. Her children was born as follows. My daughter Petershe departed this life on the 29th day of March 1829, carrying Glory to God.

Henry Hill was born Augt 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1791. His children was born as follows. Nicholas was born Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1812. Nelly Ann was born July 15<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Adrian Hegeman Hill died May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852 May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852 age 17 years 1 month and 19 days.

My daughter Ellomer Banker Was born March 19<sup>th</sup> 1794 & her children as follow. Sally Ann born 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1816. Baptised 29 of Sept 1816 by me. N. Hill.

John L.. Hill was born October 31<sup>st</sup> 1840.

#### MARRIAGES

Nich's Hill was married to Anna Newkirk on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1785.

Nich's Hill married Catherine Row on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1811. She was born Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1784.

Nich's Hill married his third wife Sarah Mosher on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 1816. She was born March 19<sup>th</sup> 1792.

My daughter Martha was married to Henry I. Philips Dec'r 28<sup>th</sup> 1809.

My Son Henry Hill was married to Anna Veder July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1810. Henry wife was born Aug't 7<sup>th</sup> 1789.

My daughter Petershe was married to Thomas Stuart

My daughter Elloner was married to James Banker, February 16<sup>th</sup> 1815. My son Jno was married to wife Miss Jane Sterling September the 4<sup>th</sup> 1842.

My daughter Nancy was married to William Snook on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 by the Rever'd W. Page. Her son Christopher was born 31<sup>st</sup> day of Jan'y 1819 baptised the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. day of 1819 Nich's Hill. Her daughter was born Oct 27, 1826 Baptised.

I was married to Sarah Hegemen on the 27th of Sept. 1836. My wife Sarah was married to [blotted as is the next entry.]

Letter in folder dated October 19[?], written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Nicholas Hill, who served as a drummer to Captain Hick's Company 3d New York Regiment, in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.11294, based upon the military service of Nicholas Hill in that war.

Nicholas Hill was born December 22, 1766 in Schenectady. The names of his parents are not shown.

Nicholas Hill enlisted in Albany, New York, served as a drummer in Captain Aaron Acrson's Company, Lieutenant Colonel Cornelius Van Dyke's New York Regiment. He was discharged June 8, 1783, at which time he was a sergeant in Captain Benjamin Hicks' Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment New York Troops, having served about five years. (6)

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 9, 1828, while a resident of Florida, Montgomery County, New York.

He died June 14, 1856 at his residence in Florida, New York. He was a minister of the Methodist Church.

The soldier married May 30, 1785 Anna Newkirk, she died at the age of forty-seven years, date not stated. He married the second time, March 12, 1811, Catharrine Row, who was born September 21, 1784. She died, date not given, and he married for the third time, February 23, 1816, Sarah Mosher, who was born March 19, 1792. The date of her death is not shown. He married for the fourth time on January 27, 1834, at Malta, Saratoga County, New York Sarah Hegeman, of said Malta. The date and place of her birth are not stated.

Sarah, widow of Nicholas Hill was allowed pension on her application executed September 12, 1856 at which time she was aged fifty-five years and resided in Florida, New York. In June [?] she was residing in Waterford, New York.

The names of the following children of the soldier, Nicholas Hill are shown:

Martha Hill. . . Born May 6, 1786	Married December 28, 1809 Henry J. [or I.] Phillips
Petershe Hill. . .Born July 3, 1788	Married date not given, Thomas Stuart and died March 29, 1829
Henry Hill. . . .Born August 3, 1791	Married July 3, 1819, Anna Veder, born August 17, 1789
Elloner Hill. . . Born March 19, 1794	Married February 16, 1815, James Banker (or Barker)
S. [or J] M. Hill..date not stated	Married September 14, 1842, Jane Sterling
Nancy Hill. . .date not stated	Married March 28, 1818, William Snook.
William Mc[?] Hill . . date not stated	Married June 20, 1833, Sarah Jane Kittle.
Nicholas Hill. . .date not stated	Married June 4, 1838, Jane Arnold

F.A. (or N.) Hill .date not stated  
John L. Hill..born October 31, 1840

Married October 23, 18? Sophia G. Stanton  
John L. was a son of the last wife, Sarah. He was an attorney in New York City in 1880.

The following also appears: Adrian Hegeman Hill . . died May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1852 age 17 years 1 month and 19 days.

The following data in regard to grandchildren are shown:

Ann, daughter of Martha Phillips, born May 18, 1811.

Sally Addams, Daughter of Martha Phillips, born July 10, 1814.

Nicholas, son of Henry Hill, born October 20, 1812.

Nelly Ann, daughter of Henry Hill, born July 10, 1814.

Sally Ann, daughter of Ellon Banker [or Barker] born June 29 1816, and baptised by her grandfather, Nicholas Hill, the soldier. 20 of Sept 1816 .

Christopher son of Nancy born January 31, 1819 and baptised by his grandfather, Nicholas Hill.

Daughter of Nancy Snook, name not given Born Oct 27, 1826 Baptised.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension, the name and address of person paid and possibly the date of death of the Revolutionary War pensioner, Sarah Hill (W.11.296), widow of Nicholas Hill, you should address The comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city and cite the following data.

Sarah Hill, widow of Nicholas Hill, certificate no. 5931 issued October 6, 1864, rate \$120 per annum, commenced June 14, 1864, Act of February 2, 1863, New York (Albany) Agency.

End Notes—W.11294—Nicholas Hill

1. Nicholas enlisted as a drummer on May 8, 1779 for during war in captain Aaron Aorson's Fifth Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, folder 41, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. On January 1, 1781, the First New York and the Third New York Continental Regiments were Consolidated into one regiment. The regiment was the First New York Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel goose VanSchaick. Captain Aorson and those enlisted men that still had time to serve were transferred to the First New York. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 5, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Cornelius VanDyke was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel on November 21, 1776 in the First New York and served in that capacity until June of 1783.
4. The date of Nicholas' enlistment is clearly written as May 8, 1779. He would have been only 10 years old in 1776. A drummer or fifer usually was under the age of 16. When he turned 16 usually they would become privates and carry muskets.
5. In 1783, Nicholas now being 16 years of age was appointed sergeant in captain Benjamin Hick's Company in the First New York. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 10, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. Nicholas while serving in the Third New York would have served in the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign of 1779 and would have been present at the Battle of Newton [Elmira, N.Y. fought on August 29, 1779. While serving in the First New York he would have served in the Yorktown Va, Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.