

Pension Application for Michael Myers

W.16661
Albany 812

Catharine Myers widow of Michael Myers who died on the 17 February 1814 in Herkimer County, in the State of N. York. Who was a Sergeant in the [blank] commanded by Captain [blank] of the Regt commanded by Col. Visher in the N. York line for 10 mos & 2 days. N.Y. Subscribed on the Roll of Albany at the rate of 50 Dollars 33 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831. Certificate of Pension issued the 2^d day of May 1837 and sent to Geroge H. Futer Esqr. Little Falls, NY. Arrears to the 4th of March '37 302.00. Semi-anl. Allowance ending 6 Sep '37 25.16. [Total] \$327.16. {Revolutionary Claim Act July 4, 1836, Section the 3--} Recorded by D. Brown, Book A? Vol. 1, page 134.

State of New York
Herkimer County SS

On this first day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me Asphaxed Loomis first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Herkimer Catharine Myers a resident of the Town of Herkimer in said County of Herkimer & State aforesaid aged seventy nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law, Doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th, 1836.—

That she is the widow of Michael Myers, who was a Sergeant in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Visher (1) & served in the War of the Revolution, and in the Battle at Johnstown in October 1781 (2) said Michael Myers was wounded, and in consequence thereof was afterwards granted a Pension, and the following Deponent believes to be a true Copy of his Pension Certificate.

"We the subscribers, Abraham TenBroeck, Philip Schuyler and Peter Gansevoort Jr. do certify that upon an Examination & in pursuance of a Law Entitled an act making Provisions for officers, soldiers & seaman, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, passed the 22^d day of April 1786, we do find that Michael Myers residing in the State of New York aged thirty five years, late Sergeant Volunteer in the Regiment of Militia, commanded by Col. Visher, and claiming relief under the Act of Congress recited in said Law is an Invalid in fact, and that he became disabled in the service of the United States in consequence of a wound received in his right thigh at Johnstown the 25th of October 1781; and Do further certify that from the principles of said act of Congress, the said Michael Myers is Entitled to the pay of five Dollars per month—Given under our hands in the City of Albany on the first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight—
Signed, Abraham TenBroeck, Philip Schuyler, Peter Gansevoort Junr."

That the said Michael Myers is the identical person named in said certificate, and drew his pension during his life time, till a short time before his death—

This Deponent further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Michael Myers on the twenty first day of October one thousand seven hundred seventy seven—that her husband, the aforesaid Michael Myers died on the seventeenth day of February one thousand eight hundred & fourteen—and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed—
(Signed with her mark) Catharine Myers

I hereby certify that on this first day of February 1837, personally came before me Catharine Myers & made oath that the foregoing Declaration subscribed by her is true, & that she is a person of credibility & entitled to full belief; and that from bodily infirmity she is unable to attend the Court of Common Pleas of said County—
Asphaxed Loomis, First Judge of Herkimer County.

State of New York
Herkimer County

On this fourth day of February One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty Seven personally appeared before me, Abijah Osborn a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Herkimer—Philip Herter a resident of the town of Herkimer in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy five years—who being first duly sworn according to Law—doth on his oath make the following declaration—that he is a brother of Catherine Myers the present applicant for a Pension under the provisions of the Act of Congress of July 4.1836—that he was present & witnessed the marriage of the said Catherine with the late Maj. Gen. Michael Myers, which took place sometime in the year 1777—but the precise day he does not recollect—that the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev^d Abraham Rosencrantz the then officiating minister in the Reformed Dutch Church in the said Town of Herkimer—And that he resided near to the said Michael Myers from the close of the Revolutionary War up to the time of his death which took place in the winter of 1813.4 and that the said Catherine Myers has remained a widow ever since that period. (Signed) Philip Herter

I hereby certify that on this 4 day of February 1837 personally appeared before me—Philip Herter and made oath that the foregoing Declaration subscribed by him is true--& that he is a person of credibility & entitled to belief. A. Osborn, Judge Herk. Co Court Counsellor

State of New York
Herkimer County Clerks Office SS

I John Dygert Clerk of the County aforesaid to certify that Asphaxed Loomis Esqr. Whose signature appears to the affidavit of &c of Catherine Myers was at its date first Judge of the Herkimer County Courts and I further certify that Abijah Osborn Esqr whose signature appears to the Affidavit &c of Philip Harter was at its date one of the Judges of the Herkimer County Courts and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Asphaxed Loomis and Abijah Osborn and verily believe that the several signatures were genuine.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said County this 4th day of February 1837. J. Dygert Clerk
Little Falls March 25, 1837
J.S. Edwards Esqr.

Dear Sir—Some time since Col. Matthew Myers (3) of the Village of Herkimer forwarded to you the application of his & my wife's mother, Mrs. Catharine Myers widow of the late Genl. Myers of Herkimer for a pension under the Act of July 1836.—

I now forward to you certificate of the Secretary of the State of New York of services rendered by Michael Myers in Col. Gansevoorts (4) regiment in the Revy War for little over ten mo – Mr. Myers served in the militia (5) previous to his enlistment & also subsequent to his having leaving this regt the 8 March 1778 and affidavits of those previous would be processed & forwarded but for the advice of Maj^r Thomas Sammons (6) of Montgomery C^{oy} & formerly for many years a member of Congress who says there are what he terms certificates of services of the militia of N. York in the War of the Revolution in the war office at Washington & advises the better way to refer to those—

If however no evidence can be found in the War Department as is supposed to exist by Mr. Sammons please with the affidavits of the persons knowing of the services of Mr. Myers (7) will be procured & forwarded.—

Than to adding on upon this subject hereafter will be more promptly attended to then it has been.

Respectfully your Obed^t Serv^t George H. Feeter (or Futer)

End Notes—W.16661—Michael Myers

1. Frederick Visscher was the Colonel of the Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781.
3. Matthew Myers had served as Captain, Major and on May 23, 1812 he was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fortieth Regiment of New York State Militia (Herkimer County). He served until July 8, 1818 when Jacob P. Weber was appointed in his place as Myers had moved from the area. Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment of the State of New York 1783-1821, ed. Hugh Hastings, Albany, James B. Lyon, 1901, Vol. II P. 1371, Vol III, P. 2086. Afterwards referred to as MMCA. The Fortieth Regiment was part of the 21st Brigade under Brigadier General James Haile, Fifth Division under Major General George Widrig. MMCA, Vol. II, p. 1407.
4. Michael enlisted on May 6, 1777 for during war in Captain Henry Tiebout's Seventh Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. He was appointed sergeant and served until Frederick Myers was exchanged in his place to serve the remainder of his term in May 8, 1778. On pp. 430 & 431 of Vol. II, Collections of the New York Historical Society for year 1915, NY, 1916, Muster and Pay Rolls of the War of the Revolution 1775-1783 is a Return of the sick in the Garrison of Fort Schuyler, March 1, 1778.

Names	Companies	Diseases	Where Sick/
Serg't Myers	Cap. Tiebout	Lame	In Quarters

The return is signed Lieut. Col. Willett Commanding Officer and H(unloke) Woodruff Surgeon. It is not mentioned in the pension application but Michael was at Fort Schuyler during the siege by Crown forces under Brigadier General Barry St. Leger in August of 1777.

5. Michael served in captain Henry Herter's Company in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. So far two muster rolls for this company have been found with Sergeant Myers's name on it. A roll of Capt. Herter's Company Fort Dayton June 1st, 1779, has the following: June 6 days, July 21 days, August 16 days, Sept. 1 day, Oct. 5 days and Nov. 3 days. A roll of Henry Herter's Company Mertz (March) Dec. 21st 1780 and served as follows: Mertz 1 day and Abrill (April) 6 days and no service for the rest of the year. Sometime after April is probably when he moved to Caughnawaga. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. Thomas Sammons served as a private in Colonel Visscher's Regiment during the War of Independence. Thomas was appointed Second Major on February 9, 1810 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Abraham Vosburgh's Regiment of Montgomery County Militia. MMCA, Vol. II, P. 1117.
7. Sergeant Myers served in the militia after the war and reached the rank of Major General. Here are his appointments from the MMCA: on October 2, 1786 as Captain of the Fifth Company in Lieutenant-Colonel

Commandant Henry Staring's Regiment of Montgomery County Militia. Vol. I, P. 103. Vol. I, P 203, Patrick Campbell, Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Vice (in place of) Henry Staring, first Judge, Michael Myers, Second Major, September 30, 1791 in the Herkimer County Militia. Herkimer County was formed from Montgomery County on February 16, 1791. On October 9, 1793, Patrick Campbell was appointed brigadier general "of a brigade of militia which the Governor has signified he had thought proper to form in the Herkimer County." Michael Myers on the same date was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant in place of Campbell. MMCA, Vol. I, PP 272, and 274. On March 25, 1797 "It having been represented and made to appear to the council that Patrick Campbell, Brigadier General of a brigade of militia in the County of Herkimer, hath become so intemperate and inattentive to the duties of his said office as to render his longer Continuance therein improper; there, Resolved, that the pleasure of the people of this State as to his tenure of that office be and it is hereby declared to be determined, and that he be and is hereby removed there from accordingly. Michael Myers, Brigadier General, Vice. Patrick Campbell, MMCA, Vo.I I, P. 930. On April 15, 1800 a Fifth Division of Infantry was found and "Resolved, that Michael Myers be and he is hereby appointed Major General of the Fifth Division of the Militia of this State. MMCA, Vol. I, P 514. On February 4, 1812, George Wildrig, "Major General Vice M. Myers resigned". MMCA, Vol. II, P. 1302.