

A Soldier's Declaration in Order to Receive Bounty Land, Simeon Nichols or Nickals

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A Soldiers Declaration

State of New York
County of Tioga

On this twenty seventh day of March one thousand eight hundred fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and State aforesaid Simeon Nichols aged ninety one years a resident of Owego in the State of New York who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Simeon Nicholas who was a private in the company commanded by Lieutenant Boman (1) who served as Captain in the regiment of militia commanded by Col. Skarmarhorn (2) in the revolutionary war and that he was drafted on or about the first of October A.D. 1780 for the term of six weeks and continued in actual service in said war for the term of fourteen days and was honorably discharged at Stillwater on or about the fifteenth day of November A.D. 1780.(3)

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land 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 or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefor. (Signed with his mark) Simeon Nickals.

End Notes—Simeon Nichols--B.L.Wt.47.989—160—55

1. Lieutenant or Captain Boman cannot be found.
2. Simeon served in a Captain Schermerhorn's Company in Colonel Killian Van Rensselaer's Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia. The Major of the regiment was Jacob C. Schermerhorn. There were two Captain Schermerhorn's in this regiment; they were Daniel and John W.
3. The militia was called out in October of 1780 because of three raids. Ball's Town was destroyed on October 17 by Captain John Munro, Major Christopher Carleton destroyed Fort George and Fort Ann and Sir John Johnson burnt Schoharie on October 17, 1780.