

**Pension Application for Johannes or John
Noorstrant, Nooststrant, Norstrant, Nostrant**

R.7688 (Widow: Maria) Married May 10, 1777, Jonannes died August 10, 1826.
Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the Third Section of the Act of Congress
of the 4th of July 1836.

State of New York
Cortland County.

On this Twenty Second day of July 1837 personally appeared before me William
Berry one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of
Cortland and State of New York Maria Noorstrant a resident of the Town of Preble in
said County & State, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on her oath,
make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by
the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Johannes, Norstrant who was a Private in the Army of
the Revolution, and went the following tours and years as near as she can recollect
said Johannes Noorstrant went she thinks in the year 1775 from Schenectady in the
State of New York in the Northern expedition, the most direct route to Montreal, under
Genl Montgomery, was in the battle of the taking of said Montreal in Canada then
marched under Genl Montgomery to Quebec & was in the action at the time Genl
Montgomery was killed.

She thinks he enlisted for one year in the Continental line, and had a written
discharge, but who he Enlisted under she does not recollect, nor does she know who
his officers were. She further says, that her said Husband, Enlisted for nine months
as a boatman under Captain William James of Schenectady in the State of New York
in the year 1779 she thinks he enlisted in April in said year and went from said
Schenectady, to Albany, then was aboard of Boats from Albany to Fishkill, and all
along the Hudson River occasionally between those places she says her husband came
home in the winter after.

That he volunteered in the year 1777 for three months as a Private went from
said Schenectady to Schoharie and other places, after Indians and Tories, he went
from home September or October in said year and came home in the winter, after, but
who he went under she does not recollect.

That on the first day of April 1780, he enlisted for nine months at Fishkill in
said State in the Continental line as a Private under Capt. VanBenSchouten, Col.
Dubois's Regiment, Majr Hoffman belonged to the Regt. Went from Fishkill to New
Windsor lay there a few weeks & then he went to the Northward to Albany &c, he came
home to said Fishkill in January after she thinks he had a written Discharge. She
says she is very confident he had more than two written discharges. She says more
than twenty years since one [?] by the name of Fonda was at this House in said
Schenectady, then and there in looking over her said Husbands papers, on business,
his Discharges, were seen & were Destroyed, because they were supposed, not to be of
any use [to] her husband, could not recall writing, and said Esqr Fonda, were to do his
business wherever it was necessary to be done.

She further declares that she was married to the said Johannes Noorstrant on the 10th day of May 1777 at said Schenectady by the Reverend Barent Vrooman Pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of said Schenectady at said Vrooman's House, that her oldest brother James Zonatta, Mary Pangburn said Priest & Wife were as near as she recollects all that were present and are all now dead except her brother.

That her husband, the aforesaid Johannes Noorstrant died on the 10th day of August 1826 at Preble said County and State, and that she has remained a Widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereto annexed, she says she has no documentary evidence in her possession of her marriage.

She says that she never learned to write—she says the reason why he never tried to obtain a pension was because he had lost his Discharges, was very feeble and unwell, [??] and ignorant never concerned himself about property, thought it would cost more than it would come too, he died of a liver complaint and general debility, consequent on hard work. (Signed with her mark) Maria Noorstrant

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22d day of July 1837. Wm Berry A Judge of Cortland Com. Pleas.