

Pension Application for John A. Ostrander

W.20283 Widow: Sarah Traver married John A. Ostrander. Sept 25, 1793. John died May 4, 1840.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer

City of Troy SS.

On this day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Mayor's Court of the said City of Troy now sitting, John A Ostrander a resident of the town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged 71 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born the 8th day of August 1761 at Schodack (then in the County of Albany) now in the County of Rensselaer aforesaid. He has a record of his age in his family bible; but no other proof. Early in August 1777, then residing in Schodack, was called out in the militia in a company of Captain Nicholas Staats of which the Lieutenants were Obidah Lansing and Philip Staats, in a Regiment commanded by Col in a resident commanded by Col. Kilian VanRensselaer, but which marched under Lt Col Kilian VanRenselaer, but which marched under St. Col. John Beekman to green Island in the Hudson River (a little above where the City of Troy now is) he served there about 3 weeks & was discharged & return home; but never received a written discharge.

About 1st Sept 1777 he was again drafted in a company commanded by Obadiah Lansing, in the same Regiment under Lt. Col. Beekman; he marched to Bemos [Bemis] Heights near Saratoga & was there at the time of fighting the battle in which Burgoyne was defeated, just before his surrender; but Capt Lansing's company was not ordered on the field, till just as the battle was ended.

He then marched to Saratoga & was there when Burgoyne surrendered; & was there discharged after having served more than 3 weeks & returned home about 1st September 1778 was called out with the militia under Captain turner, St. Martin C. VanBuren & Ensign Hosea Moffit & marched to Schoharie, & joined a regiment commanded by Col. Philip Van Alstyne at Schoharie lower fort, after a few days he left the lower fort & went to the Middle Fort (Schoharie) & joined the regulars under Col. Butler & served in this term as orderly sergeant for five weeks & was then discharged On Sept 1779 was called out with the militia in Captain Nicholas Staat's company whose Lieutenants were Obadiah Lansing & John Ostrander, in a Regiment commanded by Col. Vroman, marched to the middle fort (Schoharie) & served there as orderly sergeant for 5 weeks; then discharged & returned home.

In the spring of 1780 he was again called out with the militia as orderly sergeant in the same company & under same company officers, as last mentioned, in a Regiment commanded by Lt. Col. Beekman; he marched to Fort Hunter, on the Mohawk & served there 3 weeks, & was discharged & returned home.

In the fall of 1780, he was again called out in the same company, as orderly sergeant & marched to Schenectady, thence to Johnstown, then to Fort Plain, then to Little Falls & was there discharged having served more than 2 weeks.

In the fall of 1781 he was called out in the same company, as orderly sergeant, marched to Schenectady, & then to Fort Hunter, then back to Schenectady, having served 2 weeks.

In the spring or summer of 1782, he was called out in the same company & marched to Schenectady & there remained till discharged, after serving a fortnight.

In fall of same year called out again in same company & marched to Schenectady & there remained till discharged, after serving 3 weeks. He never had a sergeant's warrant & has no documentary evidence to produce. He knows of no living witness by whom he could prove his service, except Abraham VanBuren, whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

The clergyman of whose church he is an elder, is sick and cannot attend to testify. He is well known to Abriel Buckman and Abraham VanBuren of the town of Schodack who can testify to his character for veracity & to their belief of his serving as a soldier of the revolution.

He has always resided where he now lives.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed John A. Ostrander

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

Came before me Abel Buckman a Justice of the Peace in & for the said County Sarah Ostrander widow of John A. Ostrander deceased late a Pensioner of the Revolution who being duly sworn doth depose & say that she was born and brought up in the Town of Schodack in the State & County aforesaid and that she is now 66 years of age and that she this deponent and the said John A. Ostrander were married together on the 25th day of Sept in the year 1793 the Record of which is in his Family Bible and she was Married by the Rev. Mr. Romaine who afterwards Removed to the State of New Jersey who is since dead and this deponat has always resided in the Town of Schodack where she now resides and that her Husband the said John A. Ostrander died on the 4th day of May 1840 and this deponent further says that she has had 10 Children by the said John A. Ostrander 8 of whom are now living and that now [sic] remains the window of the said John A. Ostrander & further asks that her Husband's pension may be extended to her this deponent as the law directs in such case made & provided. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Ostrander

Sworn & subscribed before me this 30th day of August 1842. A. Buckman a Justice of the Peace.