

### Pension Application for Moses Ostrander

W.19945 (Widow: Clarissa)

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this nineteenth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three personally appeared before me the Subscriber, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Chenango (the said Court being a court of record) Clarissa Ostrander, a resident of the town of New Berlin in the said County of Chenango aged seventy seven 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838 "Entitled An Act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows"—

That she is the widow of Moses Ostrander, who was a private in the militia of the State of New York, in the service of the United States, in the War of the Revolution, and as this Declarant has been informed and believes, he served as such private in the company commanded by Captain Gilbert I. Livingston (1) in the regiment commanded by Colonel Albert Pawling—

She further declares that she was married to the said Moses Ostrander on the twelfth day of January in the year seventeen hundred and eighty four, that her husband the aforesaid Moses Ostrander died on the fourth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred & ninety four, viz; at the time above stated—

She further declares that she was the daughter of John Montfort, formerly of the town of Fishkill, Dutchess County now deceased. That she was married to the said Moses Ostrander in the said Town of Fishkill and the marriage ceremony was performed by the Revd Mr. Ryedyck pastor of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in that town.

She further declares that she can not write her name owing to infirmity. (Signed with her mark)  
Clarissa Ostrander.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Roswell Judson First Judge of Chenango County Courts of the Town of New Berlin.

A Sally Peebles deposes on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1843 that she is a daughter of Moses and Clarissa Ostrander and gives the same date of death for Moses as her mother had given.

On June 9, 1843, Cornelius Van Cleef had custody of the Records & Registry of marriages of the Reformed Protestant Cutch Church in New Hackensack, Dutchess County.

He gives the date of their marriage Maas [Dutch for Moses] Ostrander & Clara Montfoort as December 24, 1783. (2) He also states that Rev. Isaac Rysdyck was Pastor of the said church.

VanCleef also deposes that he holds the office of Pastor of the said church.

Another deposition worthy of an extract of certain information was made by Margaret Gildersleeve (3) on January 17, 1844, "That she is the daughter of Cornelius Ostrander who resided in Fishkill in the County of Dutchess & who died many years after the close of the Revolutionary War.

That the said Cornelius Ostrander had eight children of whom one died in infancy and Moses Ostrander was one of the Deponent's brothers and was about three years older than this affiant.

That this affiant is now seventy six years old and was born in 1768. That the affiant has some recollections of the Revolutionary War—recollects well the battle of Fort Montgomery and remembers that she heard the Cannon at that contest, remembers seeing troops on the march in Fishkill and remembers seeing General Washington on horseback with troops passing the home of this affiants father."

End Notes—W.19945—Moses Ostrander

1. Gilbert I. Livingston was appointed captain on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. Reverend Cornelius VanCleaf's deposition gives a different date for the marriage of Moses and Clarissa Ostrander than Clarissa gave in her deposition. As Reverend VanCleaf was in custody of the church register of marriages his date would be the correct date of marriage.
3. Some of the important facts from Margaret Gildersleeve's deposition are:
  - a. That Cornelius is the father of Moses. Cornelius Ostrander served as a private in Captain Thomas Storm's Company in Colonel Abraham Brinckerhoff's Second Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
  - b. That Moses was born about 1765 which is why Moses didn't serve in the military before 1781 when he was sixteen. This is the age he would be legally bound to serve in the military.
  - c. That she was about nine years old in 1777 and the Battle of Fort Montgomery which was fought on October 6, 1777 recollections of the cannons firing and seeing General George Washington with troops [not at the same time as the Battle of Fort Montgomery] had made among other military memorable – yet in 1844.