

Pension Application for Thomas Ostrander

W.19942 (Widow: Elizabeth. She received \$269.77 per annum. Thomas died Sept. 1, 1816.)

B.L. Wt. 1619-200-Lieut. Issued Dec. 6, 1792. Also recorded under B.L.Wt.2615, as above. No Papers.

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 25th day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record) Elizabeth Ostrander, a resident of the Town of Greenbush in Rensselaer County, aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Thomas Ostrander (1), who was a Lieutenant in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary war, and served as such in Col. Willett's (2) Regiment of New York Troops.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Ostrander on the eleventh day of November in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty three; that her Husband the aforesaid Thomas Ostrander died on the first day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen--& 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 and ninety four, viz—at the time above stated.

That her name previous to the marriage was Elizabeth Smith & she was a Daughter of Joshua Smith—She was married in the Town of Fishkill, at her father's house, & the ceremony was performed by the Revd Wm. Blauvelt, who has been dead many years—She recollects that she & her husband were the first couple married by the said Wm. Blauvelt after he was ordained—she further declares that she has caused inquiry to be made respecting the records of the church of which the said Wm. Blauvelt was Pastor, (which was of the Reformed Dutch denomination) and is informed that said records, if any were kept are not to be found after diligent search has been made for them, as she has been informed and believes—

That she has no knowledge of the existence of any record of her marriage, except one made by her son, James Ostrander in the family Bible.

That the name of her eldest child is Elisabeth, who was born the 16th day of August in the year 1785—

And that owing to infirmity she is unable to write her name. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Ostrander

Sworn and subscribed in open court with day & year first above written. Witness this seal of said Court the signature of the clerk thereof. John G. Wasson, Clk.

Letter of inquiry dated March 4, 1936, in the file.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of your ancestor with surname, Ostrander, of New York State, whose given name you do not know. Your letter has been referred to this office from the General Land Office. In the letter of transfer, the record of one Lieutenant Thomas Ostrander is given. The record of that officer has been found in this office also. His record follows as found in the claim for pension, W.19942, based upon his services in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Ostrander entered the service, date not shown, as 2nd Lieutenant in captain VanBenscouter's company, Colonel Gansevort's New York regiment, was Lieutenant in Colonel Willett's 3rd New York regiment from November 1776 until May 1778, during which period of service he was at Fort Constitution in March 1777; he was Lieutenant in Captain William Faulkner's (3) company, Colonel Albert Pawling's New York regiment for two months in 1779. His entire service amounted to at least eighteen months and seven days; the specific dates of enlistments and discharge from service are not shown.

Lieutenant Thomas Ostrander died September 1, 1816, in New Baltimore, Greene County, New York in the seventieth year of his age.

Lieutenant Thomas Ostrander married November 11, 1783, Elizabeth Smith the daughter of Joshua Smith; the wedding ceremony was performed at her father's house in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, by Reverend Blauvelt, pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church. The name of Elizabeth's mother was not shown.

Elizabeth Ostrander, the widow of the above noted officer, was allowed pension on her application executed June 25, 1839, at which time she resided in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York; she was then aged seventy-eight years. The date and place of her birth are not shown. She lived then with her son, James Ostrander, of Greenbush. She died August 21, 1854.

The names and births of the children of Lieutenant Thomas Ostrander and his wife, Elizabeth, are shown as follows:

Elizabeth Ostrander Born August 16, 1785. (4)

James Ostrander Born March 25, 1787.

Hannah Ostrander Born October 19, 1789

Jane Ostrander Born February 25, 1799.

Sarah Ostrander Born June 20, 1801.

Cornelia & Sophia Ostrander Born March 15, 1803.

The following are also recorded:

James Ostrander married December 8, 1818, Annalona he 28 years, she 18years.

Annalona R. Ostrander died September 8, 1827, in the thirty-first years of her age.

James Ostrander married January 19, 1828, Polly White.

In 1829, Elizabeth, the daughter of Lieutenant Thomas Ostrander and his wife, Elizabeth, was the wife of Mr. Lansing: they resided in Watervliet, Albany County, New York. His given name was not stated.

In 1839, Joshua Smith, the brother of Elizabeth Ostrander, the above noted widow, was a resident of Coxsackie, Greene County, New York: he was born February 26, 1777.

End Notes—W.19942—Thomas Ostrander

1. Thomas was appointed second lieutenant on November 21, 1776 in Captain Elias VanBenschoten's First Company in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment. He served to May 1, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 49, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Marinus Willett was the Lieutenant-Colonel of the Third New York.
3. Thomas was appointed first lieutenant on April 22, 1779 in Captain William Faulkner's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies. According to Captain Faulkner's muster/payroll Lieutenant Ostrander was still serving in the company in October of 1779 as was stated in the pension application. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 81, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The pages were taken from the family Bible and were part of Elizabeth's proof of children by Thomas in her pension application.