

**Pension Application for Thomas Parkman**

W.18690 (Widow: Hannah) Thomas died January 25, 1813.

B.L.Wt.870-100

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows."

State of New York

Columbia County

City of Hudson SS

On this twenty-eighth day of March eighteen hundred & thirty nine personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson aforesaid the same being a Court of Record Hannah Parkman a resident of said City aged seventy six 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<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Thomas Parkman who was an artificer in the Artillery in the war of the Revolution, for the evidence of such service referenced may be had to the evidence filed by William E. Parkman & others the heirs of said Thomas to obtain bounty land for s'd Thomases said Revolutionary services. A copy of the deed obtained by said William E. Parkman & others therefor is hereto annexed numbered 870 & marked A.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Parkman on the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty eight as stated in the annexed Family Record made by her husband the said Thomas Parkman and in his own handwriting, and the Nancy, Harry Pitt, Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> & Henry Dwight Parkman mentioned in said Family Record were the children of said declarant & her said husband said Thomas Parkman. That said Declarant & said Thomas in addition to the children named in said Family Record had William E. Parkman whose affidavit is hereto annend[ed] and the same person in said document annexed marked A.

The said family Record is hereto annexed marked B.

That her husband said Thomas Parkman died on the twenty fifth day of January eighteen hundred & thirteen.

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. That she still remains the widow of said Thomas Parkman not having intermarried since his death. (Signed) Hannah Parkman

Sworn to Subscribed before me on the day & year above written. James J. Van Alen Surrogate

War Office Dec'r 16, 1779

Sir:

In January 1777 Colo Flower received orders from General Washington to raise several Companies of Artificers for executing the works required in the Department of

Military Stores. One of the companies raised under those orders and commanded by Capt. Rowe was sent to serve with the Artillery in the field, where it has been very useful. All the officers originally belonging to this company have quitted the service one excepted (Lieutenant Preston,) who is a prisoner with the enemy.

In November 1778, a company of Artillery Artificers which had served with the Northern Army, under the command of Capt. Noah Nichols, joined Capt. Rowe's Company, and joined Capt. Rowe's Company, and the whole have since served under Capt. Nichols. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1776 Capt. Nichols was appointed to the Command of his company by a warrant from Genl Gates.

On the first of March last General Knox filled the vacant officers in the present company, by appointing Thomas Patton Capt. Lieutenant, Bela Nicholas first Lieutenant & Peter sears Second Lieutenant. None of them have yet been commissioned. The officers of Colo. Flower's Corps have had commissions given them rank in their own crops. Capt Nichols and his officers are entitled to equal privileges; and we are anxious to receive their commissions. The dates they ought to bear are certified by General Knox.

The strength of the company at present is sixty-two rank and file. Upon these grounds we beg leave to report.

That commissions be granted to the officers of the company of Artillery Artificers attached to the Artillery in the field and bear date as follows viz: that of Noah Nichols Captain, November 16, 1776.

Thomas Patten, Capt Lieutenant,

Bela Nicholls, first Lieutenant,

Peter Sears, Second Lieutenant, March 1, 1779.

We have proposed to leave no vacancy in the company for Mr. Preston, who would be entitled to the Captain Lieutenancy, as In that case, Mr. Patten, an officer indispensably necessary, could not be retained in the service. But a vacancy will be reserved in Colo. Flower's Corps for St. Preston without injuring his rank if when released from captivity he should choose to continue in the service. We have the honor to be with the highest respect, your most obt servants. By order of the Board.  
Tim Pickering

His Excellency, The President of Congress.

Endorsed

"Dec 16, 1779, Report of the Board of War, relative to the company of artillery Artificers in the field, Dec 17, 1779—Passed Dec. 21, 1779.

[Hannah Parkman received \$240.00 per annum.]