

**Pension Application for Simeon Reno
(or Runno, Renno, Rennow, Runnow, and Reynow)**

R.22000 (Dorcus Hall, Former Widow) This folder has 176 pages.

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State of New York

City and County of Albany SS.

On this twenty-fourth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, before me Albert D. Robinson, Judge of Albany County Court (the same being a Court of Record) personally appeared Dorcus Hall, a resident of the said City of Albany, aged eighty-two 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 provisions made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838 and 23d of August 1842, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War.

That she was formaly [formerly] the widow of Simeon Reno, who was a private and Sergant In the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and served as such in the militia and Levies of the State of New York.

She further declares that she was married to the said Simeon Reno, on the twenty-second day of April in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, that her Husband, the aforesaid Simeon Reno, died on the fourteenth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen, leaving her his widow, that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place prior to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety-four, viz, at the time above stated.

She further declares that after the death of her Husband, above named, she was married to John Hall, on the ninth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, that he died on the twenty-fourth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-four, leaving her his widow, and that he has ever since continued and now is a widow.

She further declares that her name previous to her first marriage was Dorcus Brockway, that she was married to said Simeon Reno, at the residence of her Father Nathaniel Brockway in the town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and State of New York and that the marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev'd Mr. Waldrow a Baptist minister, who is now dead.

That she has no record of the date of her said marriage, and does not know of the existence of any record of the same.

She further Declares that she was married to her second husband, the said John Hall, in the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia and State of New York and that the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev'd Mr. VanBuren of Nassau Village in the County of Renssellaer a Dutch Reformed Minister who is also now dead. And that she has no record of the date of her second marriage, and does not know the existence of any record of the same.

She further Declares that the surname of her first Husband Simeon Reno was written and spelled by himself "Runno", but it was written and spelled in various ways by other persons, viz. Reno, Rennow, Renno, and Runnow, as appears by several

receipts and other papers now in her possession, (some of which are hereto annexed), which belonged to her said Husband, and that his name was general pronounced as if spelled Runnow, and that some time prior to his death he commenced spelling, and continued to spell his name "Reno", which mode of spelling hi same was adopted and has since that time been used by his family.

All which will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.
(Signed with her mark) Dorcus Hall

Sworn and Subscribed by the said Dorcus Hall (by making her mark, she being too infirm to write her name) on the day and year first above written before me. A.D. Robinson, Albany County Judge.

Letter in folder dated November 8, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the records of this bureau that Simeon Reno (the name also appears as Runno, Rennow, Runnow and Reynow) enlisted and served as a private and sergeant in the New York Troops, a part of the time in Captain Downs' Company; he was in the battles of Bunker Hill, Monmouth and several others, names of these battles not given, was taken prisoner by the Indians, carried to Quebec and held for one year. No definite dates of his service are given.

The soldier married April 22, 1786, Hannah Brockway. They were married at the home of her father, Nathaniel Brockway, in Dover, Dutchess County, New York. He was aged twenty-eight years at the time of his marriage and she was born August 25, 1769. Nathaniel Brockway died in September, 1839.

Simeon Reno died April 14, 1814 or 1815, at Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York, where he had lived for many years. His widow, Hannah, married June 9, 1816, in Chatham, Columbia County, New York, John Hall. Several dates appear in the claim as the date of his death, namely October 24, 1823, 1824, 1829, and 1831.

She was allowed bounty land in full satisfaction for the service rendered by her first husband, Simeon Reno, on her application executed July 14, 1856, at which time she was residing in Schodack, New York.

She was deceased in 1862, exact date of her death not given.

When the soldier died, he left eight children: in 1854, seven were living, five sons and two daughters; the only names given are Stephen Reno, aged fifty-six in 1850, and residing in Malta, Saratoga County, New York; Rensselaer Reno, aged forty-seven years in 1852, and residing in Albany, New York; Maria Smith, widow of Morris Smith, aged sixty-five years in 1852, and residing in Albany, New York, said to be the oldest child; and N. Reno, in 1856, residing in Schodack, New York, his age not given.