

Pension Application for Phillip Staats

W.19107 (Widow: Anna)
State of New York
County of Albany SS.

On this 18th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, (the same being a Court of Record) Anna Staats a resident of the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer, aged seventy one 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 8, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pension to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Philip Staats who was a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Capt. Nicholas Staats in the Regiment commanded by Col. Killian VanRensselaer in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War and was wounded in said service, and was an Invalid Pensioner as will appear by the annexed Certificate signed by Abraham TenBroeck & Peter Gansevoort Junr.

She further declares that she was married to the said Philip Staats, on the ninth day of February in the year one Thousand seven hundred and eighty eight—that her husband the aforesaid Philip Staats died on the twenty seventh day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one:--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.

She further declares that her name previous to her marriage was Anna VanAlstyne, that she was married at Kinderhook by the Rev'd Mr. Richtmyer. (Signed) Anna Staats.

Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year first above mentioned in open court. John G. Wasson Clk &c.

We the subscribers, Abraham Ten Broeck and Peter Gansevoort Junr, do certify that upon and examination in pursuance of the Law entitled an act making provision for Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, who have been disabled in the service of the United States, passed the 22^d of April 1786 we do find that Philip Staats residing in the State of New York aged thirty one years late a Lieutenant in Capt Nicholas Staates Comp'y in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Killian VanRensselaer and claiming relief under the Act of Congress recited in the said law as an invalid in fact, and that he become disabled in the service of the United States in consequence of a wound in the leg in the month of July 1777 and do further certify that upon the provisions of the Acts of Congress the said Philip Staats is entitled to the pay of eight dollars a month.

Given under our hands in the City of Albany on the fifteenth day of Sept. in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six. Abm Ten Broeck, Peter Gansevoort Junr.

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Mary Gansevoort of the City of Albany, widow of Leonard Gansevoort Junr being duly sworn, deposeth as follows—viz—I am seventy eight years of age, I was well acquainted with Philip Staats, in his lifetime, he was the Father of Doct Barent P. Staats of the City of Albany—The said Philip Staats was a Lieutenant or Captain of a Militia Company in the War of the Revolution – His company formed part of the Regiment commanded by my Father Col. Killian VanRensselaer—I think John Beekman was Lieut. Colonel & Jacob Schermerhorn and Cornelius VanBuren were the Majors of said Regiment.

In the month of August 1777, I was on a visit at Claverack and My brother in law received a letter from my father, who was then a member of the Provincial Congress, informing him that my brother Col. Henry K. VanRensselaer was mortally wounded and requesting that I should go & see him, at Albany where he then was—I accordingly went to Albany in the said month of August and found my said Brother and the said Philip Staats both severely wounded and lying in the same room at the house of my brother Philip VanRensselaer, in Pearl Street in the City of Albany—I remained in that City until some time in the month of October following and during that time frequently visited my said Brother Henry and saw him and the said Philip Staats lying ill of their wounds at the house of my said Brother Philip – at the time I left Albany in the said month of October & I returned to Claverack the said Philip Staats was still ill & confined to the house with his wounds. I recollect to have heard afterwards, that he was carried home to his father's house, a few miles below Albany, sometime in the fall of the said year 1767—and that it was seven months after his said removal, before he was sufficiently recovered from his wound, to be able to go about & attend to his business concerns.

I understand that his wound was received in an action with the enemy, at or near Fort Edward or Fort Ann—his wound was in his leg, and I understand at the time that it was a severe one. (Signed) Mary Gansevoort

Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of December 1838 before me. L. Jenkins comm. Of Deeds

State of New York
County of Montgomery SS.

J, Jacob VanAlstine of the town of Mohawk in said County, being further duly sworn do depose and say that in a former affidavit made by me concerning the revolutionary services of Lieutenant Philip Staats, if it was stated or implied that in the fall of the year 1776 said Philip Staats served in company with this Deponent at Fort Edward, I this deponent did not intend so to be understood. I did not intend positively to testify to my having seen said Philip on duty at Fort Edward at said time for although I was well acquainted with said Philip I am unable to remember with any degree of certainty whether he was on duty at Fort Edward at said time or not. That the utmost that I this deponent intended to testify was that a greater part of the Regiment to which said Philip Staats

belonged, to wit, the Regiment of Colonel Killian VanRensselaer (was on duty at Fort Edward) was on duty at Fort Edward during said fall of 1776 and such being the fact I supposed that said Philip must have served in company with them, and that if my said former affidavit contained a more explicit statement than this, it contained more than I intended, and more than I am able to testify—I this Deponent have since been informed that said Philip Staats was on duty at Fort Constitution during the fall of said year 1776, or during the same time that I formerly supposed that he was at Fort Edward, and I have no reason to doubt that said Philip was at Fort Constitution at said time, from any personal knowledge which I have to the contrary, but I have reason to believe that said Philip Staats was on duty at Fort Constitution as above related it being a well known fact that levies were raised & drafts made upon the various Albany Regiment for men to garrison said Fort Constitution during the summer and fall of the year 1776. And I this deponent do further say, that in the month of May of the following year (1777) the whole of said Regiment of Killian Van Rensselaer was ordered to duty in anticipation of the approach of the British forces under General Burgoyne. That the whole of said Regiment was retained in service for a greater part of the remainder of said year 1777, or until after the capture of General Burgoyne. That I well remember that said Philip Staats was in service at said time with said Regiment in the capacity of a Lieutenant as aforesaid and I said deponent am assured that said Philip Staats served at said time last named for a period of at least six weeks, and I believe for a longer period. I believe that said Regiment was again called out (having had a short intermission of service before said Philip Staats was wounded in the skirmish in the retreat from Fort Edward to Van Schaick's Island which occurred in the month of July following, I am however fully convinced that the first period of service commencing in May aforesaid was of at least six weeks, and that said Philip Staats served for the whole of said period. And I have repeatedly been informed, that said Philip Staats was wounded as aforesaid, & that he subsequently obtained a pension in consequence thereof, but as I was not present at said skirmish I have no personal knowledge of the fact.

And I believe that after having considered about the service of the said Philip Staats in the year 1776 the regiment of Col. Killian VanRensselaer was at Fort Edward at that time but I do not know that the said Philip was there as knew had been a draft from the Regt made that year to the South My Lt. Coll. Henry VanRensselaer was the Lt Col of the said draft Judge Thompson was the Col and that every ninth man of the said Regiment had to go. (Signed) Jacob VanAlstyne.

Subscribed and sworn this 2d day of April 1841, before me, and I certify that I am well acquainted with said Jacob VanAlstine, & that he is a credible witness. John Morrell, Commissioner of Deeds of the Town of Mohawk & County of Montgomery.