

Pension Application for Nicholas N. Stickle or Stickles

W.17886 (Widow: Jemima)

State of New York (Continental Service)

County of Columbia SS.

On this seventeenth day of November eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Hudson; Justices Court now sitting Nicholas N. Stickles—a resident of the Town of Claverack in the County & State, aforesaid aged seventy six years and ten months, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he said Nicholas N. Stickles, in the year 1776 resided in the then town of Northeast now Town of Pine Plains Dutchess County in the said State of New York—

That in the month of April in the said year of 1776, -- he was drafted to served seven months in the militia service of the State of New York & was discharged in the month of November in same year. Their duty constituted in keeping guard—Which they performed on horseback in the night time between said town of North East, Dutchess County &c, Salsbury in the State of Connecticut. This section of country was at that time infested with robbers & Tories.

Applicant says that he served the whole of these seven months furnished himself with his own horse at his own expense—and that he has never received anything for said services—

That he never received any written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence, thereof.

Their head quarters was at Pine Plains. This applicant during said time of riding guard took up but one person, whose name was Caleb Reynolds. Whom they took to Head Quarters and delivered him up to their Colonels Morris Graham, they finding nothing against him discharged him.

The robbers committed many acts of depredation about the time applicant was riding guard.

They broke into Israel Curtisses house & robbed it & hung said Curtiss. They robbed the houses of applicants Uncle Andrew Stickle and John Whites—Morris Graham was Colonel, the Captain was Silas Houston—Johnathan Darling was Lieutenant—The ensign was Arthur Graham—The other officers names applicant does not recollect.

There were about thirty mounted men, in all &all under said officers—said men were scattered about that section of country.

The affidavit of Adam Stickles this applicant's Brother, is hereto annexed to which this applicants would refer. The officers above named are dead, except Johnathan Darling who applicant has heard is somewhere in the State of Vermont—but in what part thereof applicant is not informed, and cannot ascertain.

Applicant further states that he was again drafted to serve for nine (9) months in the militia of the State of New York& entered into the service about the first of July 1778. Applicant resided in the Town of Northeast aforesaid. They first went to Fishkill in said county of Dutchess, does not recollect how long he staid there—marched from thence to "Verplank's Point" in said County of Dutchess. "Verplank's Point" is opposite to "Stoney Point." This applicant was one among about forty, that were situated from the Regiment to which the company applicant belonged, was attached to go & cut wood at said "Verplank's Point". Morris Graham aforesaid was Colonel of the Regiment. The aforesaid Silas Houston was Captain and the other officers were the same under whom applicant formerly served.

Applicant thinks he served the whole of said nine (9) months—though Philip Dinner whose affidavit is hereto annexed thinks they served only eight months—to said Dinnis affidavit this applicant respectfully refers. Applicant says that the rest of said Regiment remained at Fishkill aforesaid. Witness recollects of serving the regiment reviewed by George Clinton who was then Governor of the State of New York—said Regiment was not during the said term of service in any engagement.

The next time applicant performed duty for the State of New York he was pressed as a teamster for four (4) months. This was about the first of March 1779 & was discharged the first of July 1779. And

the [??] to applicant's marriage—Applicant then resided in Northeast aforesaid. He this applicant carried [?] from Fishkill to Norfolk in Connecticut—amid some provisions from Fishkill to a place near Danbury in Connecticut—Carried Butter from Danbury to Fishkill—a man by the name of Hay was commissary—under whose orders & directions this applicant served—Applicant states that he never received any compensation for these services and that he found his own team.

To the affidavits of [?] courts, Brother Adam hereto annexed reference may be had.

The next time applicant was called out he was drafted for six months to serve in the Militia of the State of New York this term of service commended in August 1779. He was discharged in January 1780. He went to visit Pointe Fort. He stayed at this time five months. They were dismissed a short time before their term of service expired. The British had taken Stoney Point in the year 1779 and were in possession of it when applicant was called out in August 1779.

Does not recollect of any remarkable events transpiring to which he could point. They had no engagement & saw none of the English forces. The colonel & other officers were the same under which he had served in his former campaigns.

His commander of this campaign so far as this applicant has any information are dead.

Among them he recollects the names of John Snyder, Philip Snyder, Peter A. Stickle, Michael Smith, Stephen Smith &c. George McIntosh.

In the year 1780 & in the month of June he was again drafted for three months for the militia service of this state.

This was shortly after his marriage, on account of which he hired a substitute and paid him fifty dollars to serve said three months. This said substitutes name was VanGilden—who he heard was killed. He has never seen him since. Does not know who the captain was under whom his substitute served.

Applicant says he was born in the year 1755, in the said Town of Northeast Dutchess County. The record of his birth is at Claverack aforesaid, kept by himself & is a transcript from his fathers.

That he resided in said town of Northeast about 38 years—then moved to Troy in the County of Rensselaer in this state distant about 70 miles from said Northeast lived in Troy 6 or 7 years—then moved to Claverack where he has lived thirty four (34) years—when he has been Elected & served as a Constable for twenty eight (28) years in [?] previous to the spring of 1831.

Applicant says that he never received any written discharge from any of said terms of service. The affidavit of the Rev. Richard Sluyter is hereto annexed—Also the affidavits of Anthony Poucher and William G. Ludlow all of Claverack aforesaid.

They do no not swear [sic] that I have been a soldier in the Revolutionary War—and the reason of their not being able to do so is that so far as respects Mr. Sluyter that he is a man that [?] but little with the general society in the village of Claverack & as respects said Pucher & Ludlow it probably arises from the circumstances that I did the service at a distance of twenty (24) miles from the place of my present residence and from the circumstance too of my having talked but little of my Revolutionary Services, if I go to Northeast there I find the companions of my youth & those who would be my witnesses were then living in their graves. The evidence I have now adduced is all I can at present furnish, which is was put fully submitted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Nicholas N. Stickle

Letter in file dated April 1, 1937, written in response to a request for information.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.17885, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Nicholas N. Stickle, the only soldier of that name that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office, searched under all spellings of the name.

Nicholas N. Stickle was born September 27, 1755, in Northeast, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Northeast (which was later called Pine Plains) he enlisted and served as private as follows: from April 1776, served five, six or seven months in Colonel Morris Graham's New York regiment and was engaged in guarding the inhabitants against the depredations of the Tories and "robbers"; from about the first of July 1778, served eight or nine months in Captain Silas Husted's company in Colonel Morris Graham's New York regiment; from about the first of March 1779, served four months as teamster under Commissary Hay; from August, 1779, served about five months in Captain Silas Husted's company in Colonel Morris Graham's New York regiment.

After living in Northeast about thirty-eight years Nicholas N. Stickle moved to Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, and after living there about six or seven years he moved to Claverack, Columbia County, New York.

It was stated that Nicholas N. Stickle served as constable in Claverack, New York, for about twenty-eight years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 17, 1832, at which time he was living in Claverack, New York.

Nicholas N. Stickle died June 9, 1842, in Greenport, New York.

He married May 8, 1780, Jemima or Jamima Wheeler who was born July 13, 1761.

She was allowed pension on her application executed January 17, 1843, at which time she was living in Greenport, New York.

She died February 26, 1853, in Claverack, New York.

Children of Nicholas N. and Jamima Stickle:

Mary born February 22, 1781.

Nicholas W. born July 22, 1785.

John N. born August 26, 1788.

William born July 12, 1791.

Peter born May 28, 1795.

Philip born May 15, 1798.

Only the following of the above-noted children survived their mother: John N. who was living in Claverack in 1853, Philip N. who also was living in Claverack in 1853, and Nicholas W.

Children of Nicholas W. Stickle:

Henry born October 28, 1804 or 5.

Peter born February 24, 1805 or 6.

Margret born January 27, 1808 or 9.

Silvester born May 2, 1818.

Jamima born September 10, 1812.

Abraham born July 5, 1815.

Phebe born September 16, 1817.

Mary born September 20, 1819.

Children of John N. Stickle:

John Henry born August 19, 1812.

Cantine Gilwack born December 5, 1814.

William Augustes born April 7, 1817.

Cathren Maria born November 20, 1818.

It was stated that William N. Stickle enlisted March 22, 1813, under Captain Charles Smith of the Second Regiment of Light Dragoons.

In 1832 Adam Stickle, brother of Revolutionary War soldier, Nicholas N. Stickle, was living in Claverack, New York, aged sixty five years.

Nicholas W. Stickle stated that the house of his uncle, Andrew Stickle, was robbed during the Revolutionary War.

Nicholas N. Stickle, stated that he served in the Revolutionary War with Peter A. Stickle, relationship not given.