

Pension Application for Samuel Thorn

W.18123 (Widow: Helen or Helena) They married April 6, 1778. Samuel died August 12, 1823.

Letter in folder dated May 22, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18123, it appears that Samuel Thorn, while residing in the District of Schenectady, New York, served with the New York troops as follows:

In a company of Rangers and was in action at Jones' Mills, no further details of this service given, from November 21, 1776 until December 20, 1777 as second lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Hicks' Company Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Regiment; in 1779 as commissary of forage under Henry Glenn, Deputy Quartermaster General; in the summer of 1780 under Lieutenant VanVorst and Colonel Abraham Wemple.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 3, 1818, at which time he was living in Haverstraw, Rockland County, New York.

In 1820 he was sixty-six years of age and was residing in New York City.

The soldier died August 12, 1823.

He married April 6, 1778, Schenectady, New York, Helena or Helen VanSlyck. She was born in Schenectady Township, New York and was the daughter of Adam VanSlyck.

She was allowed pension on her application executed June 20, 1837, at which time she was seventy-eight years of age and was a resident of Schenectady, New York. In 1839 she was living in New York City. The children referred to in 1820 were:

Eliza aged twenty years.

Helen aged eighteen years

Jonathan baptized January 10, 1779.

Adam baptized August 13, 1780.

Robert Livingston baptized March 24, 1782.

The widow died January 10, 1845, leaving the following children:

Helen Stevenson

Catherine Livingston

Elizabeth Ellis

Jane Livingston

Cornelius Thorn

Hernion.

John V. Thorne