

Pension Application for Etienne Trahan

W.23062 (Widow: Anastasia)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7 July 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows".

State of New York

Clinton County SS

On the twenty eighth day of January 1839 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Anastasia Trahan a resident of the parish of La Cadu in the District of Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada widow of Etienne Trahan, late of said Parish deceased, aged sixty 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, 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

That she is the widow of Etienne Trahan who was a soldier in Captain Lesseaux (1) Company of Infantry in Colonel Livingston Regiment of Refugees in the Army of the American Revolutionary War, as her said husband often told her after her marriage with him. She further declares that she was married to the said Etienne Trahan on the twenty fifth day of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight at Chambly in the Province of Lower Canada.

That her husband the aforesaid Etienne Trahan died on the Twenty seventh day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine.

That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage of deponent to the said Etienne Trahan took place previous to ;the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz. At the time above stated, that she has never intermarried with any person since the death of the said Etienne Trahan her aforesaid husband but has ever since his death remained the widow & still is the widow of the said Etienne Trahan as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (2) (Signed with her mark) Anastasia Trahan.

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before me and I hereby certify that the said Anastasia is not able by reason of bodily infirmities to attend Court to make her Declaration & I further certify that she made her mark above to her name never having learned to write as she says. Henry C. Dickinson, a Judge of the courts in and for the county of Clinton.

End Notes – W.23062—Etienne Trahan

1. Etienne Trahan enlisted as a private on December 19, 1776 for during war in Captain Augustine Loseaux's Second Company in Colonel James Livingston's First Canadian Continental Regiment. Some of the 1777 muster rolls list him as Akin Tran, on page 238 in Documents Relating To The Colonial History of the State of New York, ed Berthold Fernow; Vol XV, State Archives, Vol I, Weed, Parson's and Company, Printers, Albany, N.Y., 1887 listed him as Aken Traw. At looking at the muster roll it is Tran not Traw. Subsequent muster rolls list his first name as Esthienne Trahan. Etienne was sick in 1778 from May to July at Fishkill. He returned to duty in August but a date is not given. The regiment was in the Rhode Island Campaign and he may have been in the Battle of Butt's Hill on August 29, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 133, folder 221, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Etienne would have served in the Saratoga Campaign of 1777 and fought in the battles on September 19 and October 7, 1777. He may have witnessed the surrender of Lieutenant General John Burgoyne's army on October 17, 1777. ; Etienne by November

1778 is again sick and he was discharged on January 1, 1779. By December of 1778 Captain Loseaux was under arrest and he was dismissed from the service on January 5, 1779. First Lieutenant Anthony Whelp now commanded the company. It is most likely Etienne was discharged so early in his term due to be sickly and exempt for duty.

2. The pension application is only 16 pages including the cover page. Included in the file is a marriage license in French and depositions by Nicholas Constantine who had served with Etienne in Colonel Livingston's Regiment.