

Pension Application for Martin VanSlyke or VanSlike, VanSlyck

W.18196

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 entitled an act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of New York

County of Niagara SS.

On this 31 day of August 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber and Judge of the Court in and for said County, Anna Van Slyke a resident of Lockport In this said County aged Eighty-nine 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 entitled "an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows"—That she is the widow of Martin Van Slyke, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution and served Six or Seven years that he enlisted for during the war, he enlisted in 1776 according to her present recollection & served under Capt. Frink (1), Col. Goose Van Schiack in the regular Army, that he resided during the Revolution near Little Falls—what is now the town of Manheim near the Mohawk River, New York. That she has often heard her said husband speak of having served through the war (2) and naming his officers as above named. She further declares that she was married to the said Martin on the 25th April 1784 (3), Seventeen hundred and eighty-four, that her husband the aforesaid Martin Van Slyke died on the 30th November 1813 Eighteen hundred and thirteen, 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. (Signed with her mark) Anna Van Slyke

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written before Elias Ransom, First Judge of the Niagara County Courts

State of New York

County of Niagara SS

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County George Van Slyke of Lewiston in said County aged 86 years after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he has for Sixty years been personally acquainted with said Anna Van Slyke who is making application for a pension as the widow of Martin Van Slyke that he has been from a boy personally acquainted with her late husband the said Martin Van Slyke and that he was this deponents brother that the foresaid applicant the said Anna Van Slyke is the identical person and widow of the said Martin Van Slyke that she is the identical person who was the wife of the said Martin Van Slyke married [?] one or two years after the close of the war of the Revolution & as early as 1784 or 1785 as this deponent can well recollect, that the said Martin Van Slyke to the personal knowledge of this deponent as this deponent was present & saw it, enlisted in 1776 or 1777 under Capt. Frink & in Col. Goose Van Schaick's Regiment for during the war & that he entered the service & continued in the services to the close of the war of the Revolution belonging to the "war's mew" The regular army. The said Martin Van Slyke the late husband of the said widow Anna Van Slyke was the identical person & Solider who did the service in the war of the Revolution under that name as above set fort & that he died in eighteen hundred thirteen leaving as his widow the said Anna Van Slyke who still remains his widow. (Signed with his mark) George Van Slyke

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 31st day of August 1844. Lewis Daggett, Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—W.18196—Martin VanSlyke

1. Martin enlisted during war as a private in Captain Andrew Finck's Company, the Third Company, in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York continental Regiment on January 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 65, folder 8, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

2. Martin would have fought at the Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey on June 28, 1778, served at Fort Schuyler from about November 1778 until about October 1780 and in the Yorktown, Virginia Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
3. Justice of the Peace George Petrie certified that he examined the records of marriages kept by the late Reverend Abraham Rosecrants. The marriage was recorded as follows "1784 April 25th Martin VanSlyke and Anna Bikkert". Petrie's testimony was dated April 15, 1845.