

Pension Application for Nicholas Warner

S. 14,789 (Awarded \$240.00 per annum.)

State of New York

County of Schoharie SS.

On this eleventh day of October A.D. 1853, before the undersigned County Judge and surrogate of said County of Schoharie personally appeared Jacob D. Warner a resident of the town of Richmondville and Abraham Mann a resident of the same town in the County of Schoharie and made oath in due form of law that they were well acquainted with Nicholas Warner who was reputed to have been a Revolutionary officer and who was at one time a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress of 7th June 1832. That the said Nicholas Warner departed this life on the twenty seventh day of July in the year one thousand and eight hundred and thirty eight without leaving a widow and that the following named persons are the only children of said deceased now living to wit, Jacob Warner and Catherine Snyder, who reside in the Town of Richmondville, Peter Warner, who resides in the town of Summit in the County of Schoharie and George N. Warner, whose place of residence is unknown and can not be ascertained a diligent inquiry, all of whom are of lawful age and upwards of twenty one years respectively—Deponents further say that at the time the said Nicholas Warner was such pensioner and at the time of his death, he was a resident of the town of Cobleskill, which has since been divided, and the now town of Richmondville erected there from in the said County of Schoharie. Said deponents further under their oath aforesaid state and declare that they have no interest whatever in the money and said children on account of the Revolutionary Services of said Nicholas Warner deceased. (Signed) Jacob D. Warner, Abraham Mann.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court before me this 12th day of October AD 1853.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this fourth day of June 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in the County of Schoharie now sitting Nicholas Warner a resident of the Town of Cobelskill [Cobleskill] in said County of Schoharie aged 86 years last October 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the fall in the year 1776, that the whole of the regiment under the command of Colonel Peter Vrooman of the militia in Schoharie was called into serving. That the said Nicholas Warner was one of the private soldiers, under the command of Capt. Jacob Hager's (1) company in Col. Peter Vroomans regiment of the militia, the said regiment marched from Schoharie to Albany and at Albany the said captain with his company was ordered by Col. Vrooman to go down to the Albany River to Lunenburg after Toryes [sic] that he the said Nicholas Warner served a half a month as a private soldier under the command of Capt. Hager, that he was honorably discharged by Capt. Hager by word that in June in the year 1777. That he the said Nicholas Warner was in Schoharie draught for one month service in Capt. George Richtmyer's (2) company in Col. Vrooman's regiment of the militia. That the said Capt. Richtmyer did under the command of Co. Vrooman, marched from Schoharie to Albany from there up the river to Fort Edward and Lake George that he the said Nicholas Warner served in that vicinity one month faithfully and was honorably discharged by Capt. Richtmyer by work, that in the spring of the year 1778 that he the said Nicholas Warner was by Capt. Christian Brown and his company chose an ensign (3) in said company of the said Christian Brown in

Col. Vrooman's regiment of the militia in Schoharie, that he the said Nicholas Warner was commanded by Peter Vrooman and Capt. Brown to render nine months service to take the command of the drafted men, that he did take the command of the drafted men and serve nine months, faithfully at Cobelskill and Schoharie, and in the vicinity as an Ensign of Capt. Brown's regiment of the militia that the said Nicholas Warner was in that service and in a battle against the Tories and Indians at Cobelskill (4) that Capt. Patrick (5) was killed in said battle and twenty one also of our men killed and Peter Shafer, Leonard King and Henry Shafer (6) was wounded in said battle the Tories and Indians did the same time burn the buildings of Cobelskill, that the building of the said Nicholas Warner was destroyed by fire and also part of his personal property by the Tories and Indians that at the expiration of his nine months service that he the said Nicholas Warner was honorably discharged in Schoharie by Col. Vrooman by word in the winter of the year 1778-1779 Col. Dubois's soldiers and the militia and the nine months men builded a fort at Cobelskill which was called Fort Dubois. (7)

That in Spring in the year 1779, that the said Nicholas Warner ensign under the command of Col. Vrooman had to enter the service again in Fort Dubois at Cobelskill in the company of Capt. Brown of the militia that he served three months faithfully in Fort Dubois at Cobelskill and in that vicinity, that he was honorably discharge in Fort Dubois by Capt. Brown by word.

That in the spring of 1780 that the said Nicholas Warner Ensign by the command of Col. Vrooman had to enter the service again in the company of Capt. Brown of the militia served six months in Fort Dubois at Cobelskill and in that vicinity, that he was honorably discharged in Fort Dubois by Capt. Brown by word.

That the said Nicholas Warner when he was in the service in 1780; that he was in battle against the Indians that he was taken prisoner (8) by the Indians, the first night he made his escape from the Indians and came in Fort Dubois again.

That in the year 1781, that he the said Nicholas Warner by the command of Col. Vrooman of the militia had to enter the service again in the company of Capt. Brown, that he served three months in the Lower Fort in Schoharie, an ensign in Capt. Brown's company, that he was honorably discharged by Capt. Brown by word in said Lower Fort in Schoharie.

That in the year 1782 that he the said Nicholas Warner by the command of Col. Vrooman had to entered the service again in the company of Capt. Brown of the militia and again three months in the Lower Fort in Schoharie and in that vicinity and that at the expiration of the three months services that he was honorably discharged in the Lower fort in Schoharie by Capt. Brown and Col. Peter Vrooman by word.

The said Nicholas Warner says on his oath that he did all the aforesaid service in the American Revolutionary War in Defence of his country and served twenty four months as an Ensign during the revolution and that he served faithfully. That 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 of the United States.

1. The said Nicholas Warner says on his birth by information of his father that he was born in Schoharie in October 1746.
2. That the record of his age is recorded in St. Paul Church in Schoharie that he was born October 23rd, 1746.
3. He remained at Cobelskill when he was called into service, and that he lived at Cobelskill ever since the Revolutionary War, that he now lived in the town of Cobelskill in the County of Schoharie.
4. That he was called into service by Col. Vrooman of the militia as he has stated in his declaration.

5. That he served in Capt. Hager's company, Capt. Richtmyer's company and in Capt. Brown's company, that Lieutenant Henry Borst (9) and Henry Shafer duty sergeant served with him in Capt. Brown company in Col. Vrooman's regiment aforesaid that he was honorably discharged of all the service by word as he has stated in his declaration.
6. That he has received his commission as an ensign first November 1778 signed by Governor George Clinton, that after the revolution his commission was lost or destroyed that he does not recollect what is become of it that he stated that Henry Mann, Peter G. Mann, George H. Mann & Wm. C. Belligner, Teunish Shafer and others living in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and who believe of his services as a soldier of the revolution, the said Nicholas Warner says on his oath that he is unable to write his name on the account of his old age. (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Warner

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day and year aforesaid John Gebhard Jr. Clerk.

End Notes—S.14789—Nicholas Warner

1. Jacob Hager Captain of the Second Company in Colonel Peter Vroomen's Fifteenth Regiment of the Albany County Militia.
2. George Richtmyer Captain of the Third Company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
3. Nicholas was commissioned ensign in place of Johannes H. Shaffer on October 30, 1778, in Captain Christian Brown's company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment. Nicholas also served as ensign under Captain Richtmyer and Captain Christian; Stubrach of Colonel Vrooman's Regiment in detachments drafted from several companies of the regiment.
4. The Battle of Cobleskill was fought on May 30, 1778. Captain Joseph Brant commanded the British and Indians.
5. Captain William Patrick of Colonel Ichabod Alden's Sixth Massachusetts Continental Regiment.
6. Corporal Peter Shaffer, Private Leonard King and Sergeant Henry Shaffer all of Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
7. Colonel Lewis Dubois of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment. The blockhouse was named in his honor.
8. According to Jephtha R. Simms in his The Frontiersmen of New York, Vol. II, pp 627-631, gives an account of the capture of Nicholas and his father George. Simms gives the date as December 11, 1782.
9. Hendrick Borst was commissioned the first lieutenant in Captain Brown's Company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment on February 20, 1778.