

Pension Application for Nicholas Yorden

S.26971 and R.11942

(Widow: Catharine) Nicholas died April 8, 1841.

Letter in folder dated December 20, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Nicholas Yorden, a pensioner of New York State.

The pension record has been found of only one Nicholas Yorden (Jorden) under any spelling of that surname who served in the Revolutionary War.

The papers have been examined very carefully in pension claim, S.26971, which was based upon his service in the Revolutionary War and the following data found.

Nicholas Yorden (the name appears, also, as Yordon and Yordan) was born May 7, 1763, in Canajoharie, Tryon (later Montgomery) County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in said Canajoharie, Nicholas Yordan enlisted May 7, 1799, and served at various times, at the forts and on scouting parties, until the close of the war, at least one year and nine months in all, under Lieutenant Nicholas Barrett, Captain Adam Lipe and Colonels Samuel Clyde, Willett and Dubois in the New York Troops. He was in the battles of Klock's Fields and Turloch and in the latter engagement received a wound from a musket ball which passed through his left hand, broke several of the bones and eventually caused him to lose entire use of that hand.

After the Revolution, he continued to reside at Canajoharie, New York, until March 1811, when he moved to Lenox, Madison County, New York, where he was residing in 1835.

Nicholas Yorden was allowed pension from October 19, 1786, on account of disability resulting from the above noted wound.

Nicholas Yorden died November 27, 1839, place not shown.

The soldier married March 25, 1787, at fort Plain, New York Catharine Hess. The date and place of her birth and the names of her parents are not shown. In 1840, she was aged seventy-two years and resided in Madison County, New York.

They had a family of children; no names are given.

In 1835, Soldier's brother, John Yordan (he signed by mark Yordan) was a resident of Canajoharie, New York; he did not give his age; in 1840, one John P. Yordan lived in Canajoharie, New York and stated that he was present at the wedding of Nicholas and Catharine Yordan but did not give any relationship to said Catharine; in 1840, Elizabeth Ratnour, aged seventy-five years and a resident of Lenox, New York, stated she was the sister of Catharine Yorden; in 1840, one George Ratnour was aged eighty-one years and lived in Lenox, New York; no relationship to Elizabeth Ratnour, the sister of the widow Catharine Yordan, was shown.

Increase of Pension.

It is hereby certified that Nicholas Yorden, formerly a private in the army of the Revolution an din Captain Adam Lipes company Colon' Samuel Clights [Clyde's] Regiment who it appears by the accompanying certificate was placed on the pension

roll, at the rate of one dollar per month, & that his name is now on the same roll at the rate of one dollar & sixty center per month on account as he says having received a musket or rifle ball through his left hand while in the line of his duty, and in the said service on or about the seventh day of July in the year seventeen hundred & eighty at a place called Turlok, Town of Canajoharry (nor Sharon, in the County of Schoharry) State of New York, is not only still disabled in consequence of the said injury, but in our opinion, is entitled to two dollars & forty cents more than he already receives as a pensioner, being disabled to a degree amounting to one half of a full pension to wit, the ball appears to have entered near the metacarpal bone of the little finger & passed through the hand, fracturing three of the metacarpal bones which are now callosed and coming out near the root of the thumb Hall. Thomas Spencer M. D. Asahal Prior

Subscribed & sworn before me, Samuel Hitchcock, Justice Peace