
Pension Application for Christopher Kill or Kell, Kiel, Kile

W.16036 (Widow: Polly)
Continental, New York
State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

On this fifteenth day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County in the State of New York Personally appeared Christopher Kill aged seventy one years resident in the town of Palatine in said County who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War—That the said Christopher Kill enlisted in Stone Arabia in the County of Montgomery and State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Gray (1) of the New York Infantry commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett (2) that he continued to serve in said corps for nine months and afterwards enlisted the 1st day of January 1783 during the war in the 2d Regiment of New York Artillery (3) and was discharged from service the ninth day of June 1783 as a Matross as will more fully appear from his discharge—that he was in the battle of Stoney Point, (4) the Battle at German Flats, (5) the Battle of the West Canada Creek and at Johnstown all (6) in the State of New York and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services. (Signed with his mark) Christopher Kill

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid, James Hildreth

State of New York
Montgomery County

On this 21st day of April 1842 before the under named Justice of the peace in and for said County personally appeard [sic] Peter Nestle of Stone Arabia aged near sixty seven years who being first duly sworn says that in the latter part of the Revolutionary War he was well acquainted with Christopher Kill who was a Revolutionary soldier.

That he was also acquainted with Polly Nier. That the said Christopher and the said Polly were married. He recollects well the marriage, recollects he was present. The marriage took place at Stone Arabia, recollects that said Christopher was Enlisted under the uncle of this deponent.

During the war that after his Enlistment under his uncle Peter Nestle (7) he did nto serve a great while before the War closed that after the close of the War and within few years after the said Christopher & the Said Polly were married he recollects the circumstance that he said Christopher & Polly were both poor and the said Polly borrowed a dress of one of the members of Mr. Dillenbach's family where they were married & he thinks the dress was borrowed of Margaret Dillenbach to get married in—

That on the evening of their marriage they had a dance at the same place this deponent was then a small boy but he recollects well the circumstance. he [sic] also well recollects the circumstance of the Johnstown battle he was then about twelve miles off and they heard the cannon. he [sic] recollects well a Mrs. Fink who had had a fit of the numb palsey was sitting on a chair and Every report of the Cannon she clapped her hands & screamed.

And several other circumstances he well recollects.

he [sic] recollects well the time of the said Christopher & Polly were married he was present and he is certain it was less than three years after the close of the War & he thinks it was in the Winter season but he cannot state the particular year.

That the said Christopher In his life time received a pension & he thinks it was \$96.00 a year. That the said Christopher died ten or more years since. That he left the said Polly his widow.

And this deponent has understood the said Polly the said widow is also dead—that they left a family children. he [sic] don't recollect the minister who married them but he thinks it was Rev. Mr. Reese. (Signed) Peter Nestle.

Subscribed and Sworn April 21, 1842 before me. A. Hees, Justice of the Peace in the said County.

This may certify that I have mustered & received into the Second Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col Jno Lamb Two able bodied Recruits Inlisted by Capt L[ieutenant] Peter Nestell to Serve In said Regiment Viz

“Chris Kill Inlisted 1 Janay 1783 (8) for the War. Peter Wormwood, Inlisted, 1 March 1783 for three years.” J Reed (9) Capt. & Inspect[or] Recruit for 2 Regmt West Point April 11th 1783.

State of New York
Comptroller Office

I Certify that the proceeding is Correct transcript of the original remaining in this office. Albany Sept. 28th 1842. Philip Phelps Comptroller

End Notes—W.16036—Christopher Kill

1. Samuel Gray served as a captain of batteauxmen in 1779 at other times as an ensign and later as a second lieutenant in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Marinus Willett from April of 1781 to November of 1783 commanded a regiment of New York State Levies. He was first appointed on April 27, 1781 as the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant and on April 10, 1782 Colonel Commandant of the Tryon County Militia.
3. Christopher enlisted on January 1, 1783 but did not join the company until April 17, 1783. Christopher had enlisted for the War in Captain Thomas Machin's Ninth Company in Colonel John Lamb's Second Continental Regiment of Artillery. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 118, folder 39, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Battle of Stoney Point, N.Y. was fought on July 16, 1779. Most likely he was referring to the Battle of Stone Arabia which was fought on October 19, 1780. The Tryon County Militia did not serve in the area of Stoney Point.
5. The Battle of German Flatts was fought on July 15, 1782, a raiding party was led by Captains George Singleton and Joseph Brant. In the pension application file there is a reference from the State Comptrollers Office for a pay Certificate no. 7453 dated 1782 December 31 for £22. . 2. . 8 in Captain Joel Gillett's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. The Company was originally commanded by Captain Guy Young who had retired in November 1782.
6. The skirmish at West Canada Creek was fought on October 30, 1781 and the Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Christopher served in 1781 in Captain Abraham Livingston's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. On the pay receipt rolls Christopher was paid £8. . 19. . 6 by October of 1785. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

7. Peter Nestle or Nestel served as a Captain-Lieutenant in Colonel Lamb's Regiment.
8. Christopher was given 600 acres on July 9, 1790 of Lot 4 in township 25 (Cincinnati).
FROM: The Balloting Book, And Other Documents Relating to Military Bounty Lands, In the State of New York, Packard & VanBenthuisen, Albany, 1825, page 50.
9. Captain Jacob Reed of Colonel Lamb's Regiment.