

Pension Application for Daniel Kittle

W. 21528 (Widow: Sarah)
State of New York
Albany County SS.

On this eighteenth day of February 1837 personally appeared before Robert J. Hilton one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Albany Sarah Kittle a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and State of New York, aged ninety five 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 4, 1836; that she is the widow of Daniel Kittle deceased who was a private in the army of the revolution as particularly set forth in the affidavits hereunto annexed.

She further declares that she was married to the said Daniel as will appear by certificate annexed on the ninth day of July (1761), in the year seventeen hundred and sixty one; that her husband, the aforesaid Daniel Kittle died in the month of April 1814 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. That she is unable to write her name & that she makes her mark. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Kittle

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me by making her mark she being unable to write. R. J. Hilton. Judge Albany County Courts Counsellor

Supplemental Declaration or affidavit.
County of Albany SS.

The above Declarant Sarah Kittle being further duly sworn and examined, doth depose and say, that her late husband, the said Daniel Kittle served during the war of the revolution according to the best of the recollection, knowledge, and belief of this Declarant as follows to wit: That the said Daniel was, during said War, a private in a company of Militia (1) of the state of New York in a regiment belonging to the County of Schenectady that she does not recollect the names of any of the officers of the company or regiment—That owing to her great age & consequent defect of memory she has forgotten them—This Declarant remembers that her said husband was called into the service & went on an expedition to Oriskany (2), under Genl Herkimer (3) but she does not recollect the year in which he was so called out—She also remembers that her said Husband was called out on several other expeditions or tours of duty, as a private in said company, during the revolutionary War, but is unable to state any particulars respecting his said services. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Kittle

Sworn & subscribed (by making her mark) this 18th day of February 1837 before me. R. J. Hilton, Albany County Courts Counsellor.

City of Schenectada in said County of Schenectada, being aged seventy nine years and upwards, being duly sworn and examined doth depose and say that he was well acquainted with Daniel Kittle, the same person referred to and described in the annexed documents during the life time of said Daniel, that his acquaintance with said Daniel commenced at least seventy years ago, or as long as this deponent can remember anything—that said Daniel at the commencement of the war of the revolution was enrolled as private in one of the said City [forts?]-at this fort this deponent & said Daniel Kittle performed garrison duty, and engaged in scouting for the term of about ten days, that at the expiration of said ten days, said Daniel and this deponent marched with their detachment to Fort Plain, where they performed the like duty and service for the term of seven or eight days—from thence they marched to Stone Arabia, where they performed garrison & scout duty with the troops there stationed for the term of one month when this deponent & said Daniel Kittle came off together to Schenectada. (Signed) John Corl

Sworn this 20th day of Feby 1837, before me. J.D. Harman. Justice of the Peace.

Schenectada County SS.

Christopher Ward of said city of Schenectada in said county, aged seventy-nine years & upwards, being duly sworn and examined doth depose and say, that he was during the lifetime of the aforesaid Daniel Kittle referred to in the preceding affidavits, well acquainted with said Daniel Kittle, that said Daniel Kittle and this deponent were both members of the regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Abraham Wemple during the war of the revolution but this deponent cannot say to what particular company said Daniel was attached, but thinks it was the one of Captain Jesse VanSlyck. This Deponent himself being a member of the Company of Captain Abraham Oothout in said Regiment—this deponent cannot specify the services performed in said war by said Daniel except those which he performed in connection with this deponent at Stone Arabia & Germantown or German Flatts in this state in the years 1779 & 1781: to wit—this deponent was on duty in the garrison at Stone-Arabia in that state in the month of October 1779, and when he had nearly served out the term for which he was called to serve on this occasion, namely about ten or twelve days before his time expired, he saw said Daniel Kittle on duty in said garrison, but cannot tell (as he then did not enquire) how long said Kittle had been there on duty before he this deponent started for Schenectada at the expiration of his said term over and above or in addition to said ten or twelve days, that this deponent remembers the circumstance of Daniel Kittle's being at said garrison at the time and for the period specified before he this deponent returned home to Schenectada, from having seen him at the same mess with one Harmanus Peters with whom this deponent was familiarly acquainted—that he this deponent on his return home to Schenectada after he performed the tour or served out the term above referred to, was immediately drafted to serve another term at Stone Arabia aforesaid—on his arrival at Stone Arabia in pursuance of this Draft, which was not more than a week from the time or day on which his first term above described, had

expired, he found said Daniel Kittle still on duty at said fort of Stone Arabia and that said Daniel Kittle continued on duty as aforesaid until about ten days or more of the second term of service of this deponent had expired.

The detachment of militia from said city with which this deponent served out his first term, was Captain Banker (4), and he served his second term under Lieutenant Roseboom(5) but this deponent cannot tell who the officers were that commanded the detachment to which said Daniel Kittle belonged—but remembers that General Ten Broeck (6) from the City of Albany had command of the garrison at Stone Arabia, when said Daniel Kittle was stationed there—That in the summer of the year 1781, the whole Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple aforesaid was ordered to Fort Plank—that this deponent & said Daniel Kittle as members of said Regiment accompanied it to Fort Plank under command of Major Wemple who was attached to said Regiment—That after said Regiment had been on duty at Fort Plank about two weeks, a detachment of said Regiment under command of said Captain Banker was ordered to Germantown to guard the farmers at that place which bringing in their harvest, which they did, and after performing this service returned again to Fort Plank aforesaid that said Daniel Kittle and this deponent served both in said detachment & returned together to said Fort Plank that the time said Detachment thus served, or the time that elapsed for in going to Germantown, remaining there while the farmers brought in their harvest & returning to said fort Plank was not less than two weeks—that when said detachment returned to said Fort Plank they were discharged & returned home—this deponent further saith, that he remembers well to have seen Daniel Kittle on duty at the taking of Burgoyne, but cannot tell how long he served in that expedition. (Signed) Christopher Ward.

Sworn this 20th day of Feby 1837 before me, J.D. Harman, Justice of the Peace

This file has many depositions giving a little service here and a little there.

End Notes—Daniel Kittle W.21528

1. Daniel served as a private in Captain Jesse VanSlyck's Company in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Second Regiment of the Albany County Militia.
2. The Battle of Oriskany, N.Y. was fought on August 6, 1777.
3. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer of the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
4. Captain Thomas B. Banker Second Albany.
5. First Lieutenant John Roseboom in Captain Oothout's Company in the Second Albany.
6. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck of the First Brigade of the Albany County Militia.