

Pension Application for William Morenus, Marenas, Marinus, Mareness, Marines., etc.

W.25717

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State of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this eighteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty personally appeared Before Hiram Kinne one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Otsego, Margaret Morenus a resident of the town of Oneonta in the County aforesaid aged sixty seven 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 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows ". That she is the widow of William Morenus who was a private in the War of the Revolution as this deponent is informed and believes true. That the said William Morenus has repeatedly informed this deponent that he served as such at different times during the said war. That he was engaged at different time in Scouting Parties under the command of Captain Groot, (1) Captain Deitz (2) and Colonels Willet (3) and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Vrooman. (4) That he was in a scouting party at Cobleskill. Also at Johnstown and Foxton Creek, East Canada Creek and other places in the time of and during the said war, under the command of the aforesaid officers and that he was present and served in the engagement at East Canada Creek (5) at the time Johnson (6) was killed and this deponent further saith that of the day and year on which he the said William Morenus entered or left the army aforesaid. She has not information. She further declares that she was married to the said William Morenus on the 13th day of February 1791, and that the marriage ceremonies were solemnized at Schoharie by the Reverend Mr. Breffle and that her husband the aforesaid William Morenus died on the 23d day of January in the year 1816, 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 and further that she has not since the death of the said William Morenus been married but still remains a widow.

(Signed with her mark) Margaret Morenus

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year above written before me.

Hiram Kinne, Judge of Otsego County Court.

I certify that the above named Margaret Morenus is a credible person and worthy to be believed and I further certify from personal observation that the said Margaret Morenus by reason of bodily infirmity is unable to appear in open Court and I have for that reason administered the oath to her out fo Court and that the reason the said Margaret makes her mark is that she never learned to write.

Hiram Kinne Judge of Otsego County Court

State of New York

Otsego County SS.

I Samuel Rusell Clerk of said County do hereby certify that Hiram Kinne esqr before when the foregoing affidavit purports to have been sworn was on the day after date of the same a Judge of Otsego County Courts duly confirmed and authorized to take the same. And that I am well acquainted with this handwriting of said Judge and verily believe his name subscribed to the above afft and certificate of credibility so to be his genuine signature.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

I Samuel Robertson Pastor of the High Dutch Reformed Church of the town and County of Schoharie do certify that on an examination of the ancient Register of marriages of said Church, kept in the High Dutch language, I find therein recorded under the date of the eighth of February, 1791 the marriage of William Morenus to Margaret Truax in these words, Seventeen hundred and ninety one Dat, eighth Febr Wilhelm Marenus wit Margaretha Traux. And I further certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record with the except of the date which is expressed on the record, in fair legible figures as follows. "1791" "Dat. 8 Febr."

I Samuel Robertson above named, depose and say that I am Pastor of the High Dutch Reformed Church of the town of Schoharie, county and State aforesaid, and that the above is a true extract from the record of said church with the exception above named as certified by me. Samuel Robertson

Subscribed and sworn this 7th day of September, 1841, before me David Miles, Justice.

State of New York
Schoharie County SS

I Thomas McArthur, Clerk of said County, do certify that David Miles before whom the above affidavit purports to have been sworn, was at the time it bears date a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and further, that I am acquainted with his handwriting and verily believe the signature to the taking said affidavit to be genuine. Given under my hand and seal of office this 7th day of September 1841. Thos. McArthur, clerk.

Letter in pension application folder
June 23, 1914

In response to your letter dated the twentieth instant, I have the honor to furnish you the following history of the only William Morenus (or similar name) found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

In the papers in claim. Wid. File no. 25.717, it is stated that William Morenus or Marenus resided at Schoharie, New York, during the Revolutionary War, and was frequently called out in the New York Militia, that he served in September 1780, and in 1781 and 1782, two or three months each year, under Captains Groot and Dietz, Colonels Willett and Vrooman, and was in the battle of East Canada Creek.

He married at Schoharie, New York, February 8, 1791, Margaret Truax: he died January 23, 1816, at Milford, New York and she was allowed pension on account of his services on her application executed July 18, 1840 at which time she was sixty-seven years of age and a resident of Oneonta, Otsego County, New York. There is no further family data on file.

End Notes—W.25717—William Morenus

1. Captain John Groat was commissioned on June 22, 1778 in Colonel Philip P. Schuyler's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia. Groat had served as a first lieutenant in Captain Jacob VanAernam's Company in the same regiment.

2. William Dietz (Deatz, Teats, etc.) was commissioned captain on March 4, 1780 in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment.

3. Marinus Willett commanded a regiment of New York State Levies from April 27, 1781 to November 1, 1783.

4. Peter Vrooman was the Colonel of the Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.

5. Margaret is referring to the skirmish at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1781.

6. Sir John Johnson was not killed during the war and died of old age. It was Captain Walter Butler who was killed at West Canada Creek.

