

Pension Application for Philip Myers

W.17196
(Wife Margaret)
State of New York
County of Albany SS.

On this 10th day of July 1834, personally appeared before the Justice Court of the City of Albany (the same being a Court of Record).

Margaret Myers a resident of Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York aged seventy 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the widow of Philip Myers, who was a private and Corporal in the War of the Revolution and served in the Militia Company Commanded by Captain Hendrick Othout (1) and Levinus Lansing in the Infantry Regiment commanded by Colonel P. P. Schuyler (and also Colonel Francis Nicholds commanded said Regiment in 1775).

And she further states that her husband the said Philip Myers resided in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York when he entered into the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution and served as a private & Corporal under the aforesaid officers.

And to the best of her knowledge or belief Philip Myers her said husband served in the War of the Revolution as a private and Corporal aforesaid for and during the periods herein after mentioned to wit:

In the year 1775	He served as a private	23
		days
3 tours 1776		52
3 tours 1777		81
1778		77
1779		30
1780		-----
1781		92
1782		54

For the proof of the Revolutionary Services of her said husband Philip Myers, the department is referred to the proof hereto annexed.

And farther she declares that she was married to the said recollect the precise day, but it was in the war seventeen hundred and eighty one; the said marriage was solemnized by the Reverend Mr. Sommers at a place in Albany County called Hellebarrack who was Pastor over a church in that place, in the Town of Guilderland.

That her name before said marriage was Margaret France and that her place of residence at the time of her said marriage was Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York; that her husband the said Philip Myers died on the eighth day of April A.D. 1833; at the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York, and that she has remained a widow, ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

(Signed with her mark) Margaret Myers

Sworn and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court by making her mark, having never learned to write her name. In testimony whereof I have hereto affixed the seal of the said Court of & subscribed my name, July 10, 1839. John C. Wasson, Clk.

State of New York
Schoharie County SS

Be it know that before me Jacob S. Lawyer a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Elizabeth Shenk (Widow of Paul Shenk Deceased) of Kobleskill in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York aged eighty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that Margaret Myers widow of Philip Myers deceased of Watervliet, in the county of Albany in the state of New York is her sister & her name before marriage was Margaret France; That prior to the year 1781 resided in Sharon and in the County of Schoharie where his family suffered much in property her Father Sebastian France also a son murdered near his house, he removed to Watervliet in the County of Albany and there continued to reside about two years, and lived in the neighborhood of Andrew Myers. Father of Philip Myers.

That the above named Philip and Margaret France aforesaid her said sister were joined together in marriage by the Reverend Mr. Sommers in the Lutheran Church at a place in the said County of Albany in the state aforesaid called Hellebarrack in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty one in the month of September and that deponent was present and attended as Bride's maid on the occasion, and saw and heard the marriage performed by the clergyman aforesaid at the time aforesaid, and further deponent doth depose and say that the said Philip &

Margaret resided together as husband and wife from the time of their marriage aforesaid until the day of his decease.

That the said Philip Myers was a resident inhabitant in the County of Albany in the State of New York and died in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, on the eighth day of April; leaving the said Margaret Myers his lawful widow, who is still living & now resides in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany aforesaid and has not since been married.

And this deponent doth further testify and say that in 1781, in the month of October when the said Philip Myers resided in Watervliet aforesaid an alarm was made, that Walter Myers (2) a notorious leader of the Tories and Indians was lurking about the Town and Neighborhood, orders were received by said Philip from Captain L. Lansing (3) to warn men of that company and with them to turn out in order to search for said Walter Myers who it was said had collected several Tories and were or had been secreted in a hay Barracks near by that he the said Philip Myers served as a Corporal and left home equipt for this service with several others of the company who were also equipt for the militia service and that the said Philip was absent on this tour not less than fifteen days and returned home.

In 1782 in the month of September when he the said Philip Myers resided in Watervliet as aforesaid, when the call was made for men to go to Beaver Dam near Schoharie and that he the said Philip Myers turned out and went under Captain Lavinus Lansing and Lieutenant Jacob Lansing (4) of the aforesaid Regiment commanded by Colonel (Deponent Does Not Recollect Colonels Name) and the said Philip was absent on this tour not less than one month and returned home.

(Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Shenk

Sworn and Subscribed the first day of July 1839, before me, Jacob S. Lawyer, Justice.

And I the above named Jacob S. Lawyer do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above named Elizabeth Shank and who subscribed & swore to the above affidavit, and verily believes her to be a person of said Integrity and that her statements are entitled to full confidence and credit hence the above named Elisabeth Shank makes her mark for the reason that the deponent cannot write for want of education. Jacob S. Lawyer Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Schoharie.

State of New York
Schoharie County SS.

Be it known that before me Jacob S. Lawyer a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County personally appeared Jacob France of Koblelskill in the County of Schoharie in the State of New York aged, seventy nine years old being first duly sworn according to Law doth depose and say that Margaret Myres widow of Philip Myres deceased of Watervliet in the County of Albany in the State of New York is his sister and his her name before marriage was Margaret France that previous to the year 1781 Deponent Father, Sebasitan France (5) Resided in the Town of Sharon in the County of Schoharie where himself and family suffered much in the destruction of his property by having his buildings burnt and grain destroyed and a son murdered he removed with his family to Watervliet in the County of Albany and then continued to reside about two years and lived in the immediate neighbourhood and a near neighbor to Andrew Myres the father of Philip Myres now deceased which said Philip was the husband of Margaret Myres who now remains his the said Philips widow.

That the above named Philip and Margaret France (his said sister) were joined together in marriage by the Reverend Mr. Sommers of the Lutheran Church in a place usually called the Hellaborach in the said County of Albany in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one sometime in the month of Sept of that year as this deponent was at that time informed and verily believes but that deponent was not present at the marriage ceremony, and that the said Philip Myres and the said Margaret lived and resided together as husband and wife from that time of his marriage aforesaid until the day of the said Philip decease. That the said Philip Myres was a Resident inhabitant in the County of Albany in the State of New York and died in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany and State of New York in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three on the eighth day of April leaving the said Margaret Myres his lawful widow who is still living & now resides in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany aforesaid and has not since been married.

And this deponent doth further testify and say that in the year 1781 in the latter part of the month of November when the said Philip Myres and this deponent resided in Watervliet aforesaid that orders were received by said Philip Myres and this deponent from Captain Levinus Lansing to march to Fort George and that the Philip in obedience to such order in company with this deponent did march to Fort George through Stillwater, Fort Edward, Saratoga County State of New York to Fort George and returned by way of Schenectady City in the County of Schenectady when a party of the tories and Indians was expected to be shortly coming down the Mohawk River and that the said Philip acted as Corporal on this occasion and was universally was reputed to be a corporal through the Revolutionary War and frequently warned out men to do duty to the knowledge of this deponent and that the said Philip remained out in the above named tour to Fort George at least thirty days and was verbally

discharged and went home as also was this deponent and that the name of the then acting Colonel this deponent does not now recollect.

(Signed with his mark) Jacob France

Sworn and subscribed the first day of July 1839 before me, Jacob S. Lawyer, Justice

End Notes—W.17196—Philip Myers

1. Hendrick Oathout was appointed First Lieutenant in Captain Abraham D. Fonda's Second Company in Colonel Abraham TenBroeck's Third Regiment of Albany County Militia on October 20, 1775. When TenBroeck was appointed Brigadier General of the Albany County Militia, Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Nicholl was appointed Colonel of the regiment on February 20, 1776. Colonel Nicholl resigned and Philip P. Schuyler was appointed colonel of the Regiment. Abraham Fonda was promoted to Major and Oathout was pointed captain. They were Commissioned on June 22, 1778.
2. Walter Myers with a party of loyalists broke into Major General Philip Schuyler's home in Albany on August 7, 1781. Fortunately Schuyler's guard from the First New York Continental Regiment fought the attackers which gave General Schuyler a chance to gain another room to fire a pistol out the window to raise the alarm. Walter Myers and party with some prisoners were able to escape.
3. Lavinus Lansing had served as Second Lieutenant in Fonda's Company, First Lieutenant in Oathout's Company was appointed Captain after Oathout had resigned. Lansing was commissioned on March 4, 1790.
4. Jacob Lansing had served as ensign under Fonda, Second Lieutenant under Oathout and as First Lieutenant under Leninus. He was also commissioned on March 4, 1780.
5. The France family were attacked on October 18, 1780 by Seth Henry and party.