

Pension Application for Stephen Myer

W.21831 (Widow: Hellena or Helen)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster, being a court of Record for said County, proceeding according to the court of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings having a Clerk and Seal of their own, Stephen Myer a resident of the town of Saugerties In the County of Ulster aged Seventy two years. Who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

To Wit.

That in the summer of the year 1778 he volunteered as a private soldier in the militia service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Philip Swart's Company Lieut Tierpenning & Elsworth, for Three months as a substitute for his Father & Brother, they constituting a Class he serving for the Class, and stationed at Shandaken part of the time and between that place and Wawarsing & at Wawarsing he continued to serve as a frontier guard for the full term of Three Months and was discharged at Shandaken.

And this applicant further declares that in the fall of the same year 1778 he was drafted as a private soldier as aforesaid, in Capt. Henry Schoonmaker's Company for one month, stationed at Tobias Wynkoop in the town of Saugerties in County as a frontier guard and was there after the full term of one month discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the following summer 1779 he was again drafted as a private soldier as aforesaid in Capt. Jeremiah Snyder's Company Lieut Hommel, for three months, was stationed under the blue Mountains as a frontier gaurd [guard] in the Town of Saugerties and continued there as such gaurd until discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the fall of the year 1780, he was again drafted as a private soldier as aforesaid in Capt. Evert Bogardus Company for one month and was stationed at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and continued the full term for one month as was there then discharged.

1st That he was Born in Saugerties Ulster county 1760.

2nd That he has and is in his Father's Bible.

3rd That he lived at Saugerties, and continues to live there ever since.

4th That in the first Service, as a Substitute, and drafted and other services drafted.

5th That he Does not recollect any but those named.

6th That he never Rec'd a written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Stephen Myer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. A.G. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges.

Letter in folder dated June 13, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.21831, it appears that Stephen Myer was born in 1760 in Saugerties (also called Kingston), Ulster County, New York.

While a resident of said Saugerties, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

In the summer of 1778, three months in Captain Philip Swart's Company. This service was as a substitute for his father and brother, their names not given.

In the fall of 1778, one month in Captain Henry Schoonmaker's Company.

In the summer of 1779, three months in Captain Jeremiah Snyder's Company.

In the fall of 1780, one month in Captain Evert Bogardus' Company

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 13, 1832 while a resident of Saugerties, New York where he had always lived. He died in said town April 4, 1841.

Soldier married February 14, 1790 in Kingston, (Saugerties) Ulster County, New York, Helen, or Helena, Louw. She was allowed pension on her application executed January 18, 1843 while a resident of Saugerties, New York, where she had always lived, and at that time was aged about seventy-seven years.

No reference is made to children.

One James Myer, wife of Ephraim Myer, of Saugerties, New York in 1843, was a sister of said Helena Myer.

One Ephraim P. Myer of Saugerties, New York in 1848 stated that the soldier was his uncle and that his widow Helena was residing at his home.

The names William H. Myers and Sarah Ann Myer appear in the papers on file, but no relationship stated.

The history herewith furnished is that of the only soldier named Stephen Myer found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Said records fail to afford any information in regard to Jacob Myers as described by you, or to Tobias Myers. All spellings of the surname searched.