

Pension Application for Israel Nicklisson or Nicklison

W.15129 (Widow: Mary) Israel died January 29, 1836.

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this 12th day of October 1932 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Israel Michlesson, a resident of the Town of Starks in the County of Herkimer and State of New York aged seventy three 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the month of April or May 1776 he volunteered in a company of militia commanded by Captain Fenner Palmer and served in said company six weeks at Fort Edward and Fort George on the Hudson river. That his captain's name was Fenner Palmer, his first lieutenant's name was John Johnson his ensign's John Palmer—that said company was under the command of Colonel John VanRensellaer. That he was continually on duty as a soldier during said six weeks with said company either at Fort George or Ford Edward or on the march between said forts a distance of about fourteen miles—that he resided where he first enlisted in the service of the United States in the above mentioned company in the Town of Hosick Rensellaer [Rensselaer] County (then County of Albany),

And he the said Israel Nicklesson further saith that in the fall of 1776 and he thinks about the first of September 1776 he again volunteered as a soldier in Captain Fenner Palmer's Company of Militia and marched to Stillwater on the Hudson river and from there to Fort Edward. From there he crossed the Hudson river and marched to Palmer Town in the now County of Saratoga and remained there until about the first of November 1776 where he was verbally discharged—having served in said company for two months.

While the said Israel Nichlesson and the company to which he belonged lay at Palmer Town he was commanded by Captain Collins, whos[e] Christian name he does not recollect and Lieutenant Thomas Whitesides. That the company to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Yates—Christian name not recollected.

The said Israel Nicklesson further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Captain Fenner Palmer in the Spring of 1777 and he thinks about the first day of March 1777 and served in said company until after Burgoine surrendered his army and he thinks about the first day of November 1777 having served eight months in the above named company during the year 1777—

That he marched form Maple Town (now; called Hosick) with said company in March 1777 to Saratoga and from thence to Fort Edward and form thence to Fort George – and continued guarding the frontiers during the term of his engagement. That he was Bennington in August 1777 in the Battle at that place & was commanded

there by Major Joel Abbot. That he remembers seeing General Starks at Bennington Battle, also Colonel Warner, Colonel Herrick, Captain Isaac Clark.

There were a few Continental troops pat Bennington but who took the command of them, or who their officers were he cannot now recollect—After the battle at Bennington he again rejoined his company and marched to Stillwater in Saratoga County New York. That the company to which he the said Nicklisson belonged was attached to a the Regiment commanded by Colonel Yates during the eight months that he belonged to said company and the names of his officers were Captain Fenner Palmer, Lieutenant John Johnson, Major Joel Abbot & Ensign John Palmer. That he the said Israel Nicklesson was verbally discharged about the first of November 1777 as aforesaid, near Fort Edward on the Hudson River.

And he the said Israel Nicklisson further saith that in the year 1778 and he thinks in the spring of the year he enlisted in a company of state Troops of the State of New York and joined Captain Fenton's Company at Albany—which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Yates—and served in said Company at least three months.

That he marched from Albany to Saratoga and remained a short time in the barracks—from thence to Fort Miller and from thence to Fort Edward & remained there until he was discharged in the summer of 1778. That the officers belonging to the company in which he was a soldier were Captain Fenton (Christian name not known)—the other officers not recollected. He remembers that Colonel Yates was the commander of the Regiment at Fort Edward, Colonel John Van Rensellaer was also there and had the command of the militia at Fort Edward during his the said Nicklisson's was discharged by Colonel Yates when his time was out—by a written discharge but which is lost.

The said Israel Nicklisson further saith that in February or March 1779, he enlisted for one year in the Continental service of the United States as a waggoner and served said term of time under Colonel Abijah Putnam of Bennington in the State of Vermont. That he first went with a load of provisions for the army from Bennington to Rutland Vermont and he continued during the term of his enlistment—transporting provisions and stores from Albany & Bennington to the army at Rutland & was discharged at Bennington in March or April 1780 by Colonel Putnam but his discharge is lost.

The said Israel Nicklisson does not recollect who commanded the American forces at Rutland during the year 1779 but he has a distinct recollection of hearing that the British army had burned Norwalk and Fairfield in Connecticut and that General Wayne made an attack upon Stony Point.

And the said Israel Nicklisson further saith that after the termination of the above mentioned since he returned to his home in Maple Town (now Hosick) and from that time except while in the three months service he belonged to a company of militia commanded by Captain Lemuel Cary, Ensign John Palmer—which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel John VanRensellaer—

That from the spring of 1780 to the fall of 1781, a period of about eighteen months, he this deponent belonged to said company and was actually engaged as a soldier in said company and regiment doing duty therein at least nine months.

It is impossible for this deponent to state the number of times that he was out on duty as a soldier or the length of time engaged with perfect accuracy. That during the time aforesaid he marched several times to Fort Edward, Fort George & Fort Miller, and remained there guarding the frontiers at least nine months between the spring of 1780 and 1st November 1781 as aforesaid—and was discharged at Fort Edward by Colonel VanRensselaer at the close of the Revolutionary War.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence, and that he nows [knows] of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Samuel Williamson who can testify to the service except rendered by this deponent as a waggoner for one year and to his service under Captain Cary from 1780 to 1781.

This deponent further saith that he was born on the seventh day of January 1759 in the Town of Great Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess and State of New York but that he has no record of his age.

This deponent further saith that he resided in Maple Town in the now County of Rensselaer and State of New York when he was first called into service of the United States in the Revolutionary War—since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the Counties of Otsego and Herkimer in the State of New York and now resides in the town of Starks in the County of Herkimer and State of New York.

This deponent refers the court to Samuel Williamson and John Borst & [blot] to whom he is known and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim to a pention [pension] or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pention roll of the [sic] of any state.

This deponent further saith that he was called into service as set forth in the above declaration and he has stated the names of such officers as were with the troops where he served and such regiments as he can recollect in said declaration and the general circumstances of his services. He also saith that he received discharges from the army as set forth in the above declaration but that such discharges are lost as aforesaid. (Signed) Israel Nicklisson.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Julius C. Nelson, Clerk

Mary Nicklisson the wife of Israel Nicklisson was born November 28, 1764 and was married January 29, 1881.

Elizabeth Nicklisson was born June the 13, 1781.

Martha Nicklisson was born June 28, 1783.

Mary Nicklisson was born March 23, 1785.

James Nicklisson was born June 22, 1787.

Richard Nicklisson was born August 31, 1790.

Phebe Nicklisson was born January 18, 1793.

John Nicklisson was born January 19, 1795.

Israel Nicklisson was born May the 2, 1797.

Nancy Nicklisson was born April 15, 1799.

Sophy Olive Nicklisson was born August 12, 181?

Robert Nicklisson was born February the 18, 1805.