

## Pension Application for Richard Putman

W.16686

### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836  
State of New York  
Montgomery County SS.

On this second day of June 1837, personally appeared before the under named a Judge of the County Courts in and for the county of Montgomery aforesaid Nelly Putman a resident of the town of Johnstown—County & State aforesaid aged Eighty Seven years past, 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 Richard Putman who was a private in the war of the Revolution—in Col. Frederick Fisher's Regiment and Captain John Davis' (1) Company from the year 1775 until in August 1777—and did duty in said war at various times and places in said State—and at the Oriscany [Oriskany] battle in said state. The said Captain John Davis was killed and her husband the said Richard Putman was appointed Ensign under the command of Captain Abraham Veeder (2) in said regiment until the close of said War—but that she this applicant has no great personal knowledge of the service of her said husband but from traditionary evidence or such as was related to her at different times during said war—and since by her said husband and others, and which she believes to be true—That (the said) the said Richard Putman served as a private in said war in the militia under said Capt. Davis at Caughnawaga in the year 1775 upwards of one week—the same year under said Capt. at different other places in said County, at least about one month in the year 1776 he was with the militia on duty under said Capt. when Sir John Johnson was disarmed & that one week in then said last mentioned year under said Capt he was at Sockendaga [Sacondaga] and in the tory settlement in service and on duty at least one month. Same year under same Capt at Stone Arabia Bowmans Creek or Kill—Fort Plain and Fort Plank in service and on duty not less than one month—in the year 1777 he was out on duty in said war under said Capt. at Balstown said state at least 10 days—same year under General Herkimer on a conference with Capt. Brant to the Unadilla (3) said state, on service at least fourteen days—the same year at the Oriscany Battle under said Capt & said Genl Herkimer on duty at least one month in the fall off same year he served and done duty in said war as Ensign in the militia against General Burgoyne (4) and before the surrender of said General Burgoyne at least six weeks in the year 1778 he did duty as Ensign in said Company at Stone Arabia at least ten days—Same year as Ensign (5) duty & was in service at the Sackendaga Block house at least one month in the fall of same year he did duty & service as Ensign at Fort Plain & Fort Plank at least three weeks, and she further states on her oath aforesaid that she never knew or heard of her said husband staying at home or refusing or neglecting to go on duty or service at any time when the militia of said Country was ordered out on any occasion in said war but (that) that she cannot now recollect the various times when he was called out or the various places where he went on duty & service in said war—but believes that the whole amount of time he lost in during duty tour services in said war would exceed two years—She further declares that she was married to the said Richard Putman on or about the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1767 (6)—that her husband the aforesaid Richard Putman died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 (7)—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)  
Nelly Putman

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day & year aforesaid written before me John Hand a Judge of the Montgomery County Courts.

[She was granted pension of \$63.11 per annum.]

I Jacob G. Snell Town Clerk of the Town of Palatine County of Montgomery and State of New York. Do certify that upon examination of the Church Records, I find recorded the marriage of Richard Putman to Nelly VanBracklen. They were married on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1767 By the Rev'd Abraham Rosencrantz. Dated April 29<sup>th</sup> 1837. Jacob P. Snell J. Clerk.

Sworn and Subscribed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1837. John T. Getman Justice.

End Notes—W.16686—Richard (Derick) Putman

1. John Davis was appointed Captain of the Second company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Upon Captain Davis being killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777, First Lieutenant Abraham Veeder was appointed Captain of the company. Richard was actually appointed sergeant. Richard was appointed ensign in 1778 or 1779. Captain Veeder, First Lieutenant Nicholas Dockstader; Second Lieutenant, Garret S. VanBracklen or VanBrooklin; and Ensign Putman were all commissioned on March 8, 1781.
3. The conference between Captain Joseph Brant and Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer was held June 27, 1777 at Unadilla.
4. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his army of British troops and allies on October 17, 1777.

5. Richard continued to serve in the militia after the War of Independence. In 1784 Tryon County's name was changed to Montgomery Count. On October 2, 1786, Derick Putman was pointed Lieutenant in Captain Jacob Sammons Company (Fourth Company) in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Volker Veeder's Regiment of Montgomery County Militia in Brigadier General Frederick Visscher's (or Fisher) Brigade. FROM: Military Minutes of the Council of Appointments of the State of New York, ed. Hugh Hastings, Albany NY 1901, Vol. I, P 101.
6. Richard and Nelly had the following children: Cornelia born December 8, 1773, bapt on January 1, 1774. Caughnawaga Dutch Reformed Church Book of Baptisms page 27. Gerrit born on December 6, 1776 bapt on January 5, 1777, Caughnawaga Dutch Reformed Church Book of Baptisms page 40. Maria born September 12, 1779 bapt October 12, 1779 Caughnawaga Dutch Reformed Church Book of Baptisms book page 53. Lewis born April 27, 1783 bapt May 24, 1783 Caughnawaga Dutch Reformed Church Book of Baptisms page 66. Johannis born January 19, 1786 bapt March 6, 1786 Caughnawaga Dutch Reformed Church Book of Baptisms page 77. There may have been more children but these are the ones that were baptized by Reverend Thomas Romeyn.
7. Richard and Nelly are buried in the Keck Center Cemetery, Town of Johnstown, Fulton County. The cemetery is on the New Turnpike Road. Nelly died on February 20, 1842 at the age of 100 years and 7 months. Richard is the son of Lodowick and Elizabeth Soets Putman. Lodowick and his son Aaron were killed on May 22, 1780. There is an historic marker on the corner of Route 29 and the Hales Mills Road to make the site of the Putman Home and burial of Lodowick and Aaron.