

Pension Application for Johannis Rightmyer or Richtmyer

W.17,542 (Widow Maria)

Pages from the family record.

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December 22, 1749 [?] Johannis Richtmyer born

November 11, 1757 [?] born Mary Feiro

1774 October 5 [?] Johannis Richtmyer married with Mary Fiero

February 18, 1775 is my Daughter Caty born

December 27, 1776 is my Daughter Sophy born

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February 7, 1779 is my Daughter Hanny born

December 12, 1781 is my Son Hendrick born

March 6, 1784 is my Daughter Mary born

October 28, 1786 is my Daughter Daborah born

January 16, 1789 is my Daughter Rachel born

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August 22, 1791 is my Daughter Sarah born

February 3, 1794 is my son John Fieroborn

June 23, 1796 is my son Peter West born

November 4, 1798 is my Daughter Gitty born.

1801 February 21 was born Morgan son is born.

Declaration.

In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this nineteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight at a Circuit Court and court of oyer and terminer [A hearing or trial or a court of general criminal jurisdiction] held at the court house in the village of Catskill in and for said County of Greene personally appeared in open court –Maria Rightmyer a resident of the Town of Catskill, County and State aforesaid aged eighty 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 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Johannis Rightmyer who to the best of her recollection in the fall of the year of 1776 was called out in the Militia Service of the State of New York in the town of Saugerties County of Ulster in a company commanded either by Captain Matthew Dederick (1) or Captain John L. Dewitt, that he with said company was Stationed in the State of New Jersey at a place called Rampaugh for the term as she now believes of about one month. She further declares that in the following spring to wit on or about the first of April in the year 1777, the said Johannis Rightmyer volunteered or was drafted in a company commanded either by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker (2) or Captain John L. Dewitt who both resided in the Town of Saugerties, that said Johannis Rightmyer with said Company was Stationed on the Hudson River at a place called Fort Montgomery for the term of four months or more. She further declares that shortly after the last mentioned Service he was again called out in the Militia Service in Captain Moses Cantines (3) Company and was Stationed in the County of Schoharie for the term of one month.

She further declares that in the fall of the same year he was again called out in the Militia Service in Captain Matthew Dedericks Company commanded by Lieutenant Thomas VanSteenbergh (4) and was under the command General Gates (5) for the term of about one month.

She further declares that during said revolutionary war the said Johannis Rightmyer (6) has in Colonel Johannis Snyders Regiment been called out by different Officers for the defence of the frontier of Ulster in short tours in all as she now believes about two months.

She further declares near the close of the revolutionary war the said Johannis Rightmyer moved into the County of Albany now Greene in the town of Catskill.

That he volunteered in the levies in a company commanded as she now believes by Captain Philip Canine (7) for the defence of the frontier of the counties of Albany and Schoharie and was Stationed part of the time in the town of Catskill for the term of five or Six months.

She further declares that he was also called out in Colonel Anthony VanBergans (8) Regiment of Militia but for what length of time she does not know.

She further declares that she was married to the said Johannis Rightmyer the fifth day of October in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy four, that the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Cocks, there a Minister of the Protestant Reformed Lutheran Church of the town of Germantown.

That her maiden name was Maria Fiero. And that her husband the aforesaid Johnannis Rightmyer died the thirteenth day of September in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty Eight and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that the annexed family record was kept by her husband the aforesaid Johannis Rightmyer. (Signed with her mark) Maria Rightmyer

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and year above written before me in open court.
W.[?] Hermance Clerk.

State of New York
Greene County SS.

Peter P. Egner of the town of Catskill County and State aforesaid being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is Eighty years of age, that he was a Soldier in the revolutionary war. That deponent during the revolutionary war resided in the town of Saugerties Ulster County and well knew Johannis Rightmyer of the same town who was also a soldier of the revolutionary war, that said Johannis Rightmyer was a private soldier in a Militia Company commanded by Lieut. Thomas VanSteenbergh and was stationed near the Army of Burgoin at a place called Stillwater for the term of one month. Deponent served at the same time in the same company where the said Johannis Rightmyer returned home when discharged and deponent volunteered in a company under the command of Captain Philip Swart the whole being commanded by Genl Gates and further said not. (Signed) Peter P. Egner

Sworn & Subscribed before me the 5th day of September 1838. John Van Vechten,
Justice of the Peace.

State of New York
Ulster County SS.

Peter J. Winne of the Town of Woodstock County and State aforesaid being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is Eighty years of age that he was a Soldier in the revolutionary. That he then resided in the town of Saugerties, that he was well acquainted with Johannis Rightmyer also of Saugerties a Solider in the revolutionary war (since deceased).

That this deponent in the Spring of the year of 1777 volunteered as a private Soldier in Capt. Schonmakers or Dewitt Company for three months that deponent with said Company was Stationed on the Hudson River at a Military Post called fort Montgomery, that the said Johannis Rightmyer was a private soldier at the same time in Captain Hendrick Schoonmakers Company, that deponent did not arrive at Fort Montgomery until after said Companies had been there as deponent believes about one month, that said Johannis Rightmyer was in said service at the time deponent arrived there. That he remained afterwards for the term of three months, and was discharged at the same time with deponent and always understood and verily believes that the said Johannis Rightmyer served in said corps for the full term of four months, the period for which the said companies were engaged. And further this deponent saith now. (Signed with his mark) Peter Winne

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 5th day of September 1838 and that I am well acquainted with said Peter J. Winne a respectable citizen entitled to credit. Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts of Ulster County.

End Notes—W.17542—Johannis Rightmyer

1. Captain Matthew Detrick of the Third Company in Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck's First Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
2. Johannis is listed as serving in Captain John L. DeWitt's Fourth Company in Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment but no date is listed. Hendrick Schoonmaker was the Captain of the Sixth Company in Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment.
3. Moses Conine or Cantine was the Captain of the Second Company.
4. Thomas VanSteenbergh was commissioned as ensign on February 18, 1778 in Captain Detrick's Company.
5. Major General Horatio Gates of the Continental Army. General Gates was at Saratoga in the fall of 1777. Ensign VanSteenbergh apparently had marched to reinforce the American Army there.
6. Johannis Snyder served as the lieutenant colonel under Colonel Hasbrouck. Colonel Hasbrouck had resigned by May 1, 1776 and soon after Snyder was appointed Colonel and he was commissioned as such on February 19, 1778.
7. Philip Conine was appointed captain on April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. Johannis served as a private in the company until he was discharged on December 31, 1782. By 1785, Johannis' pay for this service was received by Cornelius Becker. The amount of the pay was for £10. . 4. . 5. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington D.C.
8. Anthony VanBergen was the Colonel of the Eleventh Regiment of Albany County Militia. He is listed as serving in the regiment but the company isn't listed.