
Pension Application for John S. Schuyler

R.9277 (Widow: Catharine) Married Catharine Cuyler on Feb 21, 1793, by Pastor of R. D. Ch, Schenectady, NY.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of July 1838 granting pensions to certain widows of Revolutionary officers & Soldiers.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of January Eighteen hundred and forty six personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Catharine Schuyler, a resident of the town of New Hartford in said County, aged Seventy three years who being first duly sworn, according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision of the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of July 1838, granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she is the widow of John S. Schuyler, late a Captain (1) in the Army of the Revolution. That this deponent was married to the said John S. Schuyler on the twenty fourth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety three, at the city of Schenectady in the said State of New York. That the said John S. Schuyler died in the town of Westmoreland in the County of Oneida and the State of New York on the 3d day of December 1834—and that this deponent has since that time remained a widow.

And this deponent further states that although she has frequently heard her late husband relate various circumstances of his services in the War of the Revolution yet from her advanced age and bodily infirmity she cannot Recollect in what Regiment he served or who had the command of the Regiment—but has frequently heard conversations pass between the late husband of this deponent and ___Richardson ___Davis, Herman Peter and David Burns, relating to their respective services and this deponent believes that said persons belonged to the same company with her late husband and that she has heard her late husband say to some of the above named that “the reason he did not apply for a pension under the first act of Congress granting pensions to Revolutionary Soldiers was that he was a man of too much property to obtain it.” That since that time and before the death of Said John S. Schuyler—the the said John S. lost all his property—and that this deponent is now poor and needy—That this deponent has been able only to obtain the testimony of Thomas Moore as a living witness to the services of her late husband and of Phillip S. Schuyler to her marriage to said John S. Schuyler, but that the leaf from the family Bible hereunto annexed is a true record, of the marriages, births, &c in the family of the said John S. Schuyler and was taken from said family Bible and is the only family record which the said family ever possessed. This deponent would further State that the annexed testimony is all that she has been able to collect from living witnesses relating to her late husband’s services, but has frequently heard him say that he was the nephew of Gen. Phillip Schuyler (3) and a son of Col. Stephen Schuyler (2) but cannot say as he served with or under them and that this deponent has often seen the commission of her late husband and that the same was destroyed by a young child who accidently got hold of the same. (Signed) Catrine Schuyler.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this day & year above mentioned and I hereby certify that I believe the deponent to be a person of truth & veracity. Henry Sherrill, Justice.

Marriages: John S. Schuyler Marriage to Cathy Cuyler February the 24, 1793.

Births: Stephen T. Schuyler was borren on the 20 of November 1793. Abram Schuyler was Borren on the 14 of June 1795. My third sone named Stephen Schuyler was borren on the last

of June 30, 1797. My foort [Fourth] sone was Borren on the 26 of November 1799, Cuyler Schuyler. My Dauter was Borren the 16 January 18[blot] Trallin Schuyler. Drake Schuyler was born on the 31 of July 2 in the morning the year 180[blot]. Magret Schuyler was born on the 6th of January in the year 1806. May the 20 1809 was Borran my sixth sone named John Schuyler.

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Be it known that on the twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five before me Henry Sherrill a justice of the peace of the town of New Hartford in the County of Oneida aforesaid came, Thomas More who being duly sworn saith that he resides in the town of Vienna in the County of Oneida aforesaid, that he is a pensioner of the United States & is aged seventy eight years. That he served during the Revolutionary War as a private in a company commanded as this deponent believes by Captain Hollister (4) and the name of first Lieutenant was Snow; (5) that the Regiment to which said company belonged was commanded by Colonel Cortland and deponent thinks it was the first Regiment of the Line of New York & was called the first New York Regiment: and deponent further saith that at the time that deponent so served as a private as aforesaid Captain John S. Schuyler commanded a company in the same Regiment above mentioned: that at that time said Schuyler resided in Albany in the State of New York. That said Regiment was stationed during a portion (6) of the time that said Schuyler so served as aforesaid as Captain at a place in New Jersey then called Paramus and during a portion of said time at West Point, and deponent further saith that deponent joined said regiment on a service of Eight months and that said John S. Schuyler was acting as Captain as aforesaid when deponent entered said Regiment and that deponent remained in said Regiment for the term of Eight months, and that deponent left & was discharged from said service after said Eight months had expired said John S. Schuyler was still serving as Captain of said company as aforesaid. That said Regiment was stationed at West Point when deponent was so discharged—that subsequent to the close of said war deponent frequently saw said John S. Schuyler at his residence in Albany, and that twelve or fifteen years ago said John S. Schuyler called at the house of deponent at the town of Westmoreland in said county of Oneida when this deponent there resided, that said Schuyler then informed deponent that he said Schuyler was then living in said Town of Westmoreland, the same town in which deponent at that time resided and deponent verily believes that said Schuyler did at that time reside in Westmoreland. That deponent saw said John S. Schuyler daily while in said service as aforesaid & knew him well. Said Regiment was engaged in no battle that deponent recollects while deponent was so engaged in service as aforesaid. And deponent further says that deponent called at the house of said John S. Schuyler in the Town of Westmoreland about fourteen years ago that deponent then saw said Schuyler and that Catharine Schuyler was then living with said John S. Schuyler as his wife. That said Catharine Schuyler is still living the widow of said John S. Schuyler. (Signed with his mark) Thomas More (7)

Subscribed & Sworn this 12th day of August AD 1845. Henry Sherrill Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—R.9277—John S. Schuyler

1. So far no evidence has been found of a John S. Schuyler serving as a captain in the militia or the Continental service.
2. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
3. Stephen T., Schuyler was the Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
4. Thomas More or Moore enlisted as a private on July 28, 1780 in Captain Jonathan Hallet's Seventh Company in Colonel Philip Van Cortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment. Thomas was discharged on December 24, 1780.

5. Thomas may be referring to Lieutenant Ephraim Snow of Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment.
 6. In September of 1780, General George Washington had gathered thousands of troops in New Jersey drawn from militia, levies, and Continental troops. General Washington had hoped to attack the British in New York City in conjunction with the French army and navy. The French navy arrived too late in the season to be of any use and the operation was dissolved by November. So far muster rolls or pay rolls for these troops have not been found. Proof of John S. Schuyler serving as Captain at this time remains to be found but it would have been for only this campaign.
 7. Thomas More, Moore, Moor, etc., applied for a pension on April 7, 1818 No. W.2657. In this application he only claims his service in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. As his residence is in Oneida County at this time it appears to be the same Thomas More. Thomas in an affidavit of January 19th 1851, gives several enlistments for John S. Schuyler in various regiments that Schuyler could not have served in. John served as a private in Captain George Sharp's Company in Colonel Stephen J. Schuyler's Sixth Regiment of Albany County Militia as a private. The pay receipt no. 23154 for Nov 5, 1781 for £ 2. .12. .6 was supplied by the N.Y. State Comptroller's Office on March 31, 1852.
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