

Pension Application for Amos Sorels or Sorils

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Amos Sorrels a soldier application of Durand Sorrels a Colored man for a pension under act of June 7th 1832. Joseph Ellis ageant Bloomingburgh Sillivan County NY. The within is support the application of Durand Sorrels son of Amos Sorrels to a pension whose papers are on file in your office. [entire paragraph typed as written.]

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

Be it known personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, David Honeywill a resident of said county aged 63 years, who being duly sworn by me according to law, states that he was personally acquainted with Amos Sorels, deceased, a late resident of said county, for several years previous to his death in 1838, and that he the said Sorels bore a good character, and was generally reported and believed to have been a soldier and to have served as such for some time during the war of the revolution, all of which he believes to be true. (signed) David Honeywell.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of April 1851. Platt Townsend, Justice of the Peace.

At a Surrogate's Court, held at the office of the Surrogate in Delhi in the county of Delaware in the State of New York, the same being a Court of Record, on the 7th day of July in the year 1850, personally came before me, Durang Sorils, a man of color a resident of said county of Delaware aged 33 years, who being first duly sworn according to law in who being first duly sworn according to law in open court makes the following declaration to wit—That he is one of the children of Amos Sorils a man of color, deceased, a late resident of said county, and that he makes this declaration in order to obtain the pension which was due his said father the said Amos Sorils at the time of his death under the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832—and that his father served in the war of the Revolution as follows—he entered the service in the early part of the war and served under different officers and at one time was in Vansco (1) regiment, and that during some portion of the time he was in the army General Washington (2) commanded the regiment to which he belonged, and that the said Amos Sorils served in the war from the commencement until near the close of the same—and that his father the said Amos Sorils with the view of making application for his pension left his home and went into the western part of the State of New York in the year 1835 or '36 in search of persons who served with him in said war in order to get their testimony to prove his services as a soldier during said war, and that his said father returned to his home in the county of Delaware in the State of New York and that he heard his said father say after his return that all the persons who served with him in said war had died and that he knew of no one of them then living who had served with him during said war by whom he could prove his services—and this declarant further states that his father Amos Sorils died on or about the 18th day of February in the year 1838, and that he left no widow—at the time of his death, but left the following named children, to wit—Lavinia Sorils and Durang Sorils, this declarant, both residents of the County of Delaware in said State and that they are both of lawful age, and they are now the only so living children of said Amos Sorils, deceased. This declarant further states that his said father served as above stated, as he has heard from his said father, and from other persons, that he believes the same to be true—and that this declarant himself knows of no person or persons now living by whom he can prove the services of his said father and that he calls upon the Commissioner of Pensions to give him all the aid and assistance that he consistantly [consistently?] can under the rules of his department by searching the records in the War Department and in furnishing the necessary proof to support his claim for said pension, and giving this declarant all other information he may require to make out his claim for said pension. (Signed) Durang W. Sorils

Subscribed & sworn this 8th day of July 1850. [?] Surrogate

End Notes—R.9937—Amos Sorels

1. Possibly referring to Colonel Goose VanSchaick of the First New York Continental Regiment. Unfortunately Amos Sorel's name does not appear on the company Muster Rolls.
2. Commander-in-chief General Washington.