

Pension Application for Adam Staring (Starin, Storing, Stanning, etc.)

W.19,106 (Widow: Nelly)

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 14th day of April A.D. 1837, personally appeared before the Hon. David F. Sacia, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Nelly Staring a resident of the Town of Oppenheim in the said County, aged 77 years last 1836 May who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 4 July 1836, that she is the widow of Adam Staring who was a soldier of the revolution & served as such & believes part of the time as a Sergeant--& remembers that he was enlisted under Capt. Garret Putman (1) in said war & served under him some time at Fort Hunter & other places but the particular time or place she cannot recollect but it was after she was married to said Adam--she also remembers that her said late husband served under Capt. Gardinier (2) at different times & that her said husband she always understood served under Capt. Gardinier at the Oriskany battle (3)--& that he was on a tour of duty to Johnstown or Sacondaga as she at the time & ever since understood-- & she also says that her late husband according to her recollection, in the said war was enlisted as a boatman under she thinks Capt. DeGraff (4) & that she heard him say that he had served at Newburgh--& also that he enlisted in ferrying Washington's Army across some river the name of which she has forgotten & also a large number of cattle & that her husband told her he had seen Washington at the time he assisted in ferrying his army across the river--that her said husband she thinks must have served chiefly in said war as a private & part of the time as a Sergeant as she understood & believes--but she has no record of her husband's service & cannot on account of her age & infirmity & length of time give the names & time he served nor the different places nor his officers otherwise than before stated--& she relies on the testimony hereto annexed of those who served with her said late husband in the war of the revolution for the services he rendered in said war--She further declares that according to the best of her recollection & belief she was married to the said Adam Staring in the fall of the year 1777 & thinks in the month of November of said year the particular day she cannot state--& further says that the date of her marriage aforesaid was put in a Bible of her said husband as she thinks that it was together with the dwelling of her said husband, in said war destroyed & burnt by the Indians & Tories--& knows of no record of the marriage & believes there is none, but the Rev. Thomas Romyne married her--that her maiden name was Quackenboss--that her said late husband the aforesaid Adam Staring died on the sixth day of June 1812 (5) & that the time of his death was recorded or noted in the bible of her son with whom she resides & is the same as before stated--& that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed--& the services of her said husband in the said war will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed--that her said husband when he rendered said services resided in the Town of Charlestown in the said County of Montgomery--that she has no documentary evidence of his service--& cannot from her infirmity attend court without [?]able injury to her health--& further says not--that she does not write her name. (Signed with her mark) Nelly Staring. (6)

Sworn to & Subscribed on the day & year above written before me. D.F. Sacia, Judge of Montgomery County Courts.

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1. Garret Putman served as a captain of a company of rangers for Tryon County in 1778. There is no known muster roll for this company. Adam may have belonged to this company but as he was in the bateau service in this year it is doubtful. Captain Putman also served as a Captain in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of Levies in 1780 and Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of Ne York State Levies in 1781. Adam's name does not appear on any of those muster rolls. Captain Putman was assigned garrison duty at Fort Hunter frequently during his service and Adam may just have served under him on detachment service.
2. Captain Jacob Gardinier of the First Company in Colonel Visscher's Regiment. Adam's name also appears on Captain John Visscher's Fourth Company and Captain Abraham Veeder's Second Company both in Colonel Visscher's Regiment. His service in these two companies were probably in detachment service as his residence was in the company beat of Captain Gardinier.
3. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
4. Captain Simon DeGraff's Company of Bateamen for 1778. Adam enlisted as a private on April 23, 1778. The company was raised for service until December 31, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, Folder 78 (Quartermaster General's Department), National Archives, Washington, D.C.

5. Adam's will is dated June 4, 1812 and it was probated on June 16, 1814. The children of Adam and Nelly that are listed in the will as follows: Frederick, Phillip, John, Harry, Betsey Fishback (wife of Jacob), Elly Fishback (wife of John), Peggy (Margaret) and Caty. Margaret, John, and Philip were still alive in 1837.
6. Nelly was still living in 1841 as she filed another petition on March 31, 1841 while a resident of the Town of St. Johnsville, Montgomery County. In this petition she claims her daughter Margaret who had been on friendly terms had been given her the pension certificate for safe keeping but now because of a misunderstanding Margaret claims that it is lost. Nelly claims that her daughter is illegally detaining this certificate. That she (Nelly) is to receive \$43.33 per annum by virtue of said certificate granted to her on account of services rendered to the United States during the War of the Revolution that her said late husband served. She again states that Adam served in captain Garret Putman's Company of Infantry and in the regiment she thinks whereof Marinus Willett was Colonel. Again Adam's name does not appear on Captain Putman's payroll for 1781. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, (Willett's), National Archives, Washington, D.C.