
Pension Application for Nicholas Starin or Starn or Stern

W.19124

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Maria Dockstader of the town of Glen in said County, and she being duly sworn according to law, doth declare and say in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That her mother Catharine Starin was married to Nicholas Starin (or Staring) on the second day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, as will fully appear from the documentary proof thereof hereto annexed—The said Nicholas Starin the father of this Declarant departed this life on the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty-three, leaving her mother the said Catharine Starin his widow him surviving.

That since the decease of said Nicholas Starin she the said Catharine Starin remained single and unmarried & so continued until the day of the death of her said Catharine Starin. That she the said Catharine Starin died on the fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. That her said mother's maiden name was Rightmyer and that the marriage of said Nicholas Starin & Catharine Rightmeyer was solemnized by the Reverend Thomas Romeyn of the Reformed Dutch Church of Caughnawaga, NY.

And that the said Declarant being further duly sworn saith, that according to statements made by her said mother previous to her death her said father Nicholas Starin served in the company of Batteauxmen commanded by Captain Evert Van Eps for one year, viz, in the year 1776 (1)—said Capt. Evert Van Eps resided during said war on a farm adjoining that occupied by said Nicholas Staring in the District of Caughnawaga, in that part of the then county of Tryon now County of Montgomery comprised within the town of Glen in said County of Montgomery – This declarant heard her said father Nicholas Staring also make the same statement as to his serving in said company of Captain Van Eps, previous to his death—This Deponent also heard both her father & mother relate that the said Nicholas Staring served in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Gardinier (2) in the Regiment of Colonel Frederick Fisher (3)—This deponent well remember hearing her said father relate that he served with the militia in the battle of Oriskana—he was also on duty when the settlements on the Mohawk river were destroyed (4) by the enemy as Declarant is informed in 1780. He was also on duty at Fort Stanwix—also in 1777 when Burgoyne and his army was captured (5) by the enemy also when the Schoharie settlements were destroyed. (6) But this declarant can give no particulars of his service or to names of officers and length of service. (Signed with her mark) Maria Dockstader

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day & year first aforesaid to wit, 10 September 1845. [?] Bumley Clerk. Abm. A. Van Horne

Response to letter of inquiry, dated August 7, 1925

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.19124, it appears that Nicholas Starin or Starn or Stern, while residing at Caughnawaga, Montgomery County, New York, enlisted in 1776 and served one year in a company of Batteauxmen under Captain Evert Van Eps.

After this he served at various times under Captain Gardinier and Colonels Veeder, (7) Fisher and Bellinger (8) in the New York troops, he was in the battles of Oriskany, Fort Stanwix and burning of Caughnawaga, length of service not stated.

He died at Charlestown, Montgomery County, New York, June 22 or 23, 1823, aged eighty-four years.

Soldier married December 2, 1776 Catrina or Catharine Rightmyer or Rightmeyer, at her father's house, (his name is not stated) at Charlestown, New York. She applied for pension May 23, 1843, while a resident of Fultonville, Montgomery County, New York aged ninety-six years. She died December 4, 1843 and the pension was allowed their only surviving child, Maria Dockstader, who was living in Glen, Montgomery County, New York in 1845.

There is no further data on file as to family.

End Notes—W.19124—Nicholas Starin

1. Evert VanEps served as a Captain of a company of bateauxman which was part of the Quartermaster's General Department, in 1776. So far a muster roll for the company has not been found.
2. Jacob Gardinier was the captain of the First Company in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
3. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
4. Caughnawaga and the surrounding area was destroyed on May 22, 1780 by British forces under Sir John Johnson. This area today is known as the Village of Fonda and the Town of Mohawk, Montgomery County.
5. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British forces on October 17, 1777 to Major General Horatio Gates.
6. Sir John Johnson destroyed the Schoharie settlements on October 17, 1780.
7. Volkert Veeder served as the lieutenant-colonel in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.
8. Peter Bellinger was the Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia.