

### **Pension Application for Elias Steenbergh or VanSteenbergh or Steenburgh**

W.22312 (Widow: Mary)

B.L.Wt.15430-160-55

State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this 29th day of August 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common pleas, holden at the Village of Ballston Spa in and for the County of Saratoga in the State of New York, Mary Steenbergh, late a resident in Syracuse in the County of Onondaga in the State of New York, but now residing in the Town of Ballston in the County of Saratoga in the State of New York aforesaid aged sixty-eight 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 made by the Act of Congress passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" That she is the widow of Elias Steenbergh who was a fifer and Ensign in the Militia of the State of New York;

That according to the best of her knowledge or belief her husband the said Elias Steenbergh resided in the County of Albany (now Saratoga) in the State of New York, when he entered into the service of the United States and served as a Fifer and Ensign, in the company commanded by Captain J. Vincent, Jacobus VanSchoonhoven, Colonel \_\_\_\_Taylor, of the Militia of the State of New York aforesaid, in the war of the Revolution.

That her husband the said Elias Steenbergh, deceased, was at the time of his decease, a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, at the rate of one hundred & two dollars, per annum.

That the account of the Revolutionary services of the said Elias Steenbergh deceased, her said husband, the names of the officers under whom he served, and the particular circumstances of his services, will more fully appear by reference to his declaration for a pension under the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, and now on file at the War Department in the City of Washington.

And further she this applicant declares that she was married to the said Elias Steenbergh on the twentieth day of September in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-eight by Judge Stillman at Lansingburgh in the County of Rensselaer in the State of New York.

That her husband the said Elias Steenbergh died on the twenty eighth day of July 1836, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four Viz at the time above stated. (Signed with her mark)  
Mary Steenbergh

Subscribed and sworn the day & year first above written in open court. A. Goodrich Clerk.

Elias Steenbergh Senior was born the 30<sup>th</sup> of June old style in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty four. 1734. Died March 11<sup>th</sup> 1817. Elias Steenbergh Junr was born August 27<sup>th</sup> 1759. Mary Brouse was born September 16<sup>th</sup> 1766 at New Winsor [Windsor]. Elias Steenbergh Junr was married to Mary Brouse August 27<sup>th</sup> 1782. Mary Brouse died May 7<sup>th</sup> 1784. Elias Steenbergh Junr was married to Mary Taylor September 20<sup>th</sup> 1789. Mary Taylor was born September 17<sup>th</sup> 1771.

Letter in folder dated January 30, 1931, replying to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.22312, that Elias Steenbergh or VanSteenbergh was born in August 1755, or August 27, 1757 or 1759 in Dutchess County, New York about eight miles east of Poughkeepsie. He was the son of Elias, who was born June 30, 1734 (old style) and who died March 11, 1817.

While living in Half Moon, Albany (which was later Saratoga) County, New York, he (the first mentioned Elias Steenbergh) enlisted in 1775 and served six months as fifer in Captain Jeremiah Vincent's company in Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven's New York regiment. He enlisted in 1776 as a

private in Captain Jeremiah Vincen't company in Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven's New York regiment, and some time in 1776 was appointed ensign in said company (his father, Elias Steenbergh having been appointed captain in the place of Captain Jeremiah Vincent about the same time), and served as such with the New York troops whenever called upon, amounting to at least sixteen month, until the close of the Revolution, and part of this time he was under Colonel McKinstry.

He continued to serve in the New York militia after the close of the Revolution and on October 4, 1786 was commissioned Ensign No. 1 of Captain Elias VanSteenbergh's company in Lieutenant Colonel Ezekiel Taylor's regiment of Albany County Militia. It was stated that he was discharged in June, 1793.

He stated that he lived in Half Moon, New York with his son, Daniel, until some time in 1827, when he went to live with his son, Elias, in Washington County, New York, and after that he lived alternately with these two sons until December 25, 1832, when he moved to Ballston, Saratoga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 29, 1832, at which time he was living in Balslton, New York

He died July 28, 1836 at Syracuse, New York.

This soldier married August 27, 1782, Mary Brouse who was born September 16, 1766 at New "Winsor" [Windsor] (state not given).

He married September 20, 1789 in Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York Mary Taylor, who was born September 17, 1771.

She was allowed pension as the widow of Elias Steenbergh, on her application executed August 29, 1838, at which time she was a resident of Ballston, New York. She then stated that she was late a resident of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York.

The family record filed with the claim shows the following as children of Elias and Mary Steenbergh:

Rebeka born October 21, 1790

Sarah born April 26, 1792, married William Wilkens was living in Ballston, New York in 1838.

Elias E. born January 30, 1794

John E. Born December 7, 1795, married September 7, 1820, Patty Yarrington, who was born October 29, 1802, and in 1849 he was living in Onondaga, New York.

Peter born November 2, 1797

Levi born January 31, 1800, d Mar. 8, 1842

Caty born December 21, 1801, d Oct 18, 1829

Daniel born July 29, 1804

Samuel born September 16, 1806, a resident of Syracuse, New York in 1849.

Mackey born June 10, 1809

Mariah born February 8, 1813, a resident of Salina, Onondaga County, New York in 1838, and died May 28, 1843.

In 1844, one Michael VanSteenbergh of Syracuse, New York aged thirty one years, stated that he was the son of Elias and Mary VanSteenbergh.

The above noted John E. and Patty Steenbergh had the following children:

Martha M. born May 21, 1822

Isaac F. born August 28, 1823

Catharine born November 11, 1824

Amanda L. born July 31, 1826, died October 21, 1827

Sarah Jane born June 23, '828

Evaline born October 13, 1830

Son (name not designated) born September 25, 1832, died October 11, 1832

John Gorden born October 16, 1833

Elizabeth Ann born July 8, 1836

The following also appears on the family record:

The names and ages of the children of Elias Steenbergh and Cathrine Huffman his wife.

Mary Steenbergh born April 12, 1768, died August 4, 1818

Huffman Steenbergh was born April 1, 1770

Jemima Steenbergh born May 18, 1772, died February 21, 1820

Elizabeth Steenbergh was born July 11, 1774

Ester Steenbergh was born October 4, 1776, died August 19, 1818

Peter Steenbergh was born January 24, 1779

Daniel Steenbergh was born April 19, 1781, died January 15, 1823

James Steenbergh was born May 20, 1783

Caty Steenbergh was born November 24, 1785, died June 8, 1814

Jeremiah Steenbergh was born October 20, 1789