

Pension Application for Nicholas Storms

W.16743 (Widow: Lana)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty seventh day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Edward Kemeys one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of the degree of Counsellor in the Supreme Court of the said State: Nicholas Storms a resident of the town of Greenburgh in the said County aged Seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he entered the said service some time in the month of July in the year 1776 in the company of Militia of the said County of WestChester commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond—that he continued in the service at the time aforesaid in the said County six weeks, and was stationed at Tarrytown in the said County on the east bank of the River Hudson the British ships the Phoenix and Rose then lying in said river off said Tarrytown that he served during said term of six weeks in the said company and regiment and at the place last aforesaid and at the expiration of said term of six weeks was honorably discharged.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service on or about the first of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the company of Militia of the said county commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the said service in the said County in the said company and regiment from the first of October 1776 as aforesaid until the expiration of two weeks and that he was then discharged; that he was stationed during the said last mentioned term at Throgsneck in the southern part of the said County.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of January 1777 in the company of Militia of the said County commanded by Captain William Dutcher in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the service in the County of WestChester aforesaid for, and during, and until the expiration of three weeks from the time of his entering the same in the month of January 1777; that he served during the said term of three weeks in the said company and regiment as was during the same, in the expedition against Fort Independence under the command of General Heath and that at the expiration of said term of three weeks he was discharged from the service in the said County of WestChester.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of January 1778 in the said County of WestChester; in the company of Militia commanded by Captain William Dutcher and in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the said service in the said company and Regiment and in the said County of WestChester three weeks and at the expiration thereof was honorably discharged in the said county; that only a part of the said Hammond's Regiment was in the service at the last mentioned time; that they were called out and stationed on the times in the said County during the said last mentioned term and that the whole of said Dutchess Company was at that time in the service and under the command of said William Dutcher Captain thereof.

And the declarant saith that he again entered the said service on or about the first of May in the year 1779 in the company of Militia of the said county commanded by Captain Daniel Martling and in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that he continued in the said service for and during and until the expiration of one year from

the time of his entering the same on or about the first of May 1779 as aforesaid and that at the expiration thereof he was honorably discharged in the said county; that he served during the said term of one year in the said County of WestChester in the said company and Regiment and was stationed during the said term of one year on the American lines in the said County of WestChester. And the deponent further saith that he was in actual service during the whole of each of the said terms; that the said county of WestChester in which he served was during the Revolutionary War partly in possession of British troops and almost constantly exposed to attacks of the enemy; and that the militia of said county were frequently called into the service to repel invasions of the British and to garrison the different military post stationed and kept up therein during the said war, and that it was for such purposes that the declarant served during the terms of service herein before set forth and served also on an expedition to Fort Independence as herein before set forth.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded to him the said Nicholas Storms by me agreeably to the instructions of the War Department the said Storms being by me first duly sworn on his oath maketh answer and saith.

1st That he was born in the manor of Philips now town of Greenburgh in the County of WestChester on the 20th day of November 1756.

2nd That he has no record of his age in his possession but that his age is recorded in the church book of the Dutch Reformed Church in Tarrytown in the said County.

3rd That he resided in the Manor of Philips (now town of Greenburgh) in the County of West Chester aforesaid at the time he entered the service as herein before mentioned and has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War.

4th That he entered the service as a volunteer and served as a private; and that he did not serve as a substitute.

5th That the only regular officer who were with the troops where he served whose name he now recollects was Gen'l Heath; that he believes there were other regular officers where he served but that he has forgotten their names in consequence of the length of time that has elapsed since the service was performed; that the troops with which he served were mostly militia but that he does not recollect to what particular Regiments they belonged nor does he recollect to what regiment or Regiments the Continental troops with whom he served belonged as there were usually only small detachments of them where he served—that the general circumstances of his service are as is herein set forth.

6th That he was always verbally discharged from the service and never received a written discharge therefrom.

7th That the names of persons to whom his is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are the Reverend Thomas G. Smith and Peter Paulding—the said Smith residing in the same town with the declarant and the said Paulding residing in adjoining town though in the same neighborhood with the declarant.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Nicholas Storms

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th day of March 1839 before me. Edward Kenneys,
one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for WestChester County.

Family Record

A List of Names

Nicholas Storms, Junior born 4th June 1780.

Ann Storms born 25th February AD 1782.

John Storms born 4th May AD 1785.

Catharine & Rachel Storms born 24th March AD 1788.

Mary Storms born 7th April 1792.

Nancy Storms born 5th Nov'r AD 1796