

Pension Application for Nicholas Strader (Strair, Strater, Streder, Streeter)

W.16742 (Widow: Margaret)
State of New York
Lewis County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of Lowville in said County Margaret Strader of Martinsburgh in said County aged seventy seven years who being duly sworn deposeth and saith she is the widow of Nicholas Strader—named in the annexed declaration that her said husband died on the twenty first day of April last (1833) that she knows that her said husband did serve in the revolutionary war and verily believes from what she has always understood from him and from what she has formerly heard from others who served with him that he did serve as stated in his declaration, and that he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For at least two years he served in the New York militia and state troops as a private soldier.

For at least two years he served in the Continental Line as a private soldier and for such I claim the amount due him at the time of his death.

Said deponent further states that no clergyman lives in the neighborhood of his deponent which is the reason that no clergyman signed the certificate annexed to her said husband's declaration. (Signed with her mark)
Margaret Strader
State of New York
Lewis County SS.

On this twentieth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Lewis not sitting Nicholas Strader otherwise called Nicholas Strair, a resident of the Town of Martinsburgh in the County of Lewis and State of New York aged eighty one 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

In the year 1775, he entered the service the first of June under Captain Nicholas Rister (1), Lieut. John Shull in the Regiment of New York Militia commanded by Colonel Clock, and served until the spring or summer of the year, 1777, a term of about two years.

That at the expiration of the time above mentioned he enlisted in the New York State Troops under Captain Christian Kitman (2) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Marinus Willet (3) for Nine months and served during that period at the end of which term he enlisted for and served three months longer and was discharged in the summer of 1778 sometime in the summer he enlisted in the Army of the United States under Captain John Castleman (4) and served in the Regiment of the New York Line of Continental Troops commanded by Colonel Brown (5); that he enlisted for and served, during the war and was discharged as near as he can recollect in the fall of the year 1782 (6), having served in the Continental Troops upwards of four years.

That the above service was performed on and in the vicinity of the Mohawk River in the State of New York.

That he was in the battle at Oriskany (7) where General Herkimer (8) had command. He was also in the battle at Johnstown, when Colonel Willett had command. He was also in the battle at Palatine (9) in the County of Montgomery & State of New York.

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 with his mark) Nicholas Strader.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Carlor P. Scovil, Clerk

End Notes—W.16742—Nicholas Strader

1. The Tryon County Militia was re-organized and on August 26, 1775 officers were appointed to the regiment. Nicholas Richter was appointed Captain of the Sixth Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. The following were officers under Captain Richter: John Williams as first Lieutenant, George Smith as second lieutenant and John Scholl (Shull, Sholl) as ensign.
2. Christian Getman was appointed Captain on August 1, 1776 of the Second Company of Tryon County Rangers. Nicholas is listed as enlisting as a private on August 10, 1776. The company was discharged on March 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 103, National Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Marinus Willett was not in the Mohawk Valley in 1776 and had no command of any kind with Tryon County troops at that time.
4. Captain John Casselman's Company of Tryon County Rangers were formed in May of 1780. Nicholas enlisted on May 9, 1780 and was appointed corporal of the company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 121, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. John Brown was a colonel of a regiment of Massachusetts State Levies in 1780. Neither Colonel Brown's nor Casselman's Company of Rangers was part of the New York Line or continental troops.

6. Captain Casselman's Company was discharged on December 31, 1780 in 1782. Nicholas returned to his militia company which was commanded by Captain Henry Miller in Colonel Klock's Regiment. Captain Richter was seriously wounded, his wife was wounded, and their son was killed on April 20, 1779. The Richters moved to Niskayuna. His company was combined with Miller's Company.
7. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777. Nicholas served in Captain Richter's Company at this time.
8. Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer commanded the Tryon County Militia Brigade. General Herkimer was shot in the leg and later died after his leg had been amputated.
9. The Battle of Johnstown was fought on October 25, 1781. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett commanded the American troops in this battle.
10. The Battle of Klocksfield was fought in the afternoon of October 19, 1780.