

Pension Application for Samuel Thorn or William Samuel

W.16326 (Widow: Esther Lefferts, Former Widow) Samuel died 1783.

State of New York

County of Schenectada SS.

Esther Lefferts, being of the set of Christians called Quakers being duly affirmed deposes & says that in the month of February in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy six, she as married at Hempstead, in the County Queens on Long Island in the State of New York to William Samuel Thorn of Tomhanick in the then County of Albany now Rensselaer, & State aforesaid.

That her said husband was usually called and known by the name of Samuel Thorn, that in the month of November in the year 1776 aforesaid her husband [?] the appointment of 2d Lieutenant in Captain Hick's Company in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment in the New York line of Troops.

That her said husband the said Samuel Thorn was at the battle of Saratoga & surrender of the British Army under General Burgoyne. That he was appointed to carry the news of the Surrender to General Washington or to the Congress. That in the month of December after the said battle he resigned his said commission in the New York line, and received an appointment in the commissary department of the United States Army—

That he was for some time stationed at or near West Point in the State of New York. That he remained in the army as commissary until & after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. That he marched into New York with General Washington on the Evacuation thereof by the British army, at the conclusion of the war. That she had by her said husband three children only one of whom is living.

That her husband the said Samuel Thorn died in the year in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

That deponent is now and has been for thirty six years part a widow in a destitute and indigent condition.

That she is now upwards of eighty three years of age and very decrepit and unable to be removed from her house without great pain & danger of life or health.

That after the death of the said Samuel her first husband she married a Mr. Lefferts with whom she lived until the time of his death, upwards of thirty years ago. That her first husband the aid Samuel Thorn was a Corpulent man and of a [?] and lively temper. (Signed) Esther Leffron

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14 day of June 18 1837 C.S. Condely
Judge of Common Pleas of s'd County.

State of New York

Schenectady County

Hannah VanEmmbergh being duly sworn saith that she is the widow of James VanEmbergh deceased. That she is the daughter of the said Ester and Samuel Thorn. That she was about six or seven years old when her father the said Samuel Thorn died.

That she remembers that her said Father was an officer in the army of the United States. That she remembers seeing the Americans march into the City of New York, in the evacuation thereof by the British troops. That on that occasion she well & distinctly recollects to have seen her father with General Washington & his staff in the procession.

She also remembers to have seen the American officers frequently call at her fathers office to present business. That her father continued in the service of the United States as he believes until the conclusion of the revolutionary war. That he shortly afterwards died leaving her mother a widow.

That her mother the said Ester is now & for more than thirty six years last past has been a widow: That she is very infirm, and in very indigent circumstances. That on account of old age & bodily infirmity she is incapable of leaving her house or being moved any distance from it.

That she is aged upwards of eighty three years as this deponent has been informed, always understood and believes.

That her said father was a large man and of a [?] disposition. (Signed) Hannah T. VanEmburch

Sworn & subscribed before me this 14th day of June 1887. C.S. Condly one of the Judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Schenectada