

Pension Application for Peter Van Kleek

W.9284 (Widow: Catharine Seaman, Former Widow) Catharine Bogart was her maiden name. They were married about the year 1772 in the City of New York. Peter died Sept 19, 1777. Catharine died September 13, 1842. Peter was killed in the battle at the taking of Burgoyne.

The State of Ohio

Portage County SS.

On the 4th day of October AD 1844 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for the said County of Portage and State of Ohio Sarah Jones wife of William Jones a resident of Hiram Township in said County of Portage and State of Ohio aged 56 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her said Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain for the children of Widow Catharine seaman who died in Hiram aforesaid September 13th 1842.

The benefits of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That her mother the said Catharine Seaman was the widow of Peter Van Kleek a Revolutionary Soldier who was killed in Battle at the taking of Burgoyne that she has often heard her said mother state the Revolutionary services of the said Peter Van Kleek heard her say that she was married to the said Peter Van Kleek at the City of New York before any of his Revolutionary service which was about the year 1772 by a minister named Whitman and that her name was before married to the said Peter, Catharine Bogart and that she and her said husband lived at the City of New York in the commencement of the war and her said husband soon after enlisted into the Continenlle [Continental] service for three months and that when the British landed or was a landing at New York her said husband came home in the night and told her she must immediately leave the City for the British was landing and he helped her on board of a vessel and she went to Fishkill.

And after his said three months service for which he had enlisted had expired he came to her at Fishkill and stayed a short time and that his brother Henry came there and told her husband that he had enlisted and wanted him to enlist and go with him and he went with him and found his old captain whose name was Wright and his Brother and Capt Wright urged her husband to enlist and he enlisted for three years & during the war under Capt Wright as she supposed in Colonel Courtlandt's Regiment.

He then came home and stayed a few days and then went into the service and that her said husband did not return home again but was killed in battle at the taking of Burgoyne that the said Peter Van Kleek was by her said mothers supposed to of been an Ensign at the time he was killed that a man by the name of Loosey who as in the same battle and was wounded in his knee told her the said Catharine that he the said Loosey stood by her said husband when he was killed and that her said husband was killed that he the said Loosey took and bore the stand of Coloress that she and her family of two children lives at Fishkill after her said husband was killed and that Gen. Washington was informed that her husband was killed in battle called on her in

person and gave her a written order on the proper officer to supply her and her children with rations which was done.

That she sailed down to New York City under the first American flag, that went down to New York City before the British left the City and was there when the British left the City that the said Catharine made proof of her said husbands services in the Revolution and obtained for herself and children a patent of a tract of land in Manlius promised to be given as bounty land by the Legislature of the state of New York said patent was dated 13th day of September 1792.

That the said Catharine was married to Peter Seaman in the City of New York about the year 1787 and that the said Peter Seaman died in said City of New York in the year 1802 and the said widow Seaman moved to Manlius and lived on said soldier land twenty years then moved to Hiram Township Portage County and State of Ohio and lived with her daughter the said Sarah and her husband William Jones till her decease which to [took] place as above stated on the 12th day of September 1842, that the said Catharine has only two children liveing [living] one by her first husband and one by her second husband there [their] names are as follows. Rebecca Black a widow aged about 70 years Sarah Jones wife of William Jones said Rebecca resides in Cayuga Co. State. She further states that her said mother was never married after the death of her father the said Peter Seaman and remained a widow when she died. She refers to the annexed proof and prays that a Certificate may be granted her and her said sister to draw the pension that her said mother was entitled to. (Signed) Sarah Jones

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of October AD 1844 in open Court before. Eben Newton, President Judge of 3d Circuit Ohio.