

## **Pension Application for Nicholas Van Slyk**

W.18199

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 1st day of June 1837, personally appeared before me, John Hand, one of the Judges of the Montgomery County courts, Abigail Van Slyke, a resident of the Town of Glen, the County and State aforesaid, aged 76 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Nicholas Vanslyke or Nicholas A. Vanslyke, who was a private in the Revolutionary War and served therein part of the time in Col. Frederick Fisher's Regiment and Capt. Jacob Gardinier's (1) Company and also in the Boating service as he informed her in Capt. Simon DeGraff's (2) Company.

That she has no personal knowledge of the service of her husband till the year 1779, only from Tradesionary evidence or as was related to her at different times during the war and since. That the said Nicholas Vanslyke served in Capt. Jacob Gardinier's Company in the year 1775, 1776, 1777, till the year 1778 when he enlisted in Capt. Simon Degraff's Company of Boatman and served the whole term till the company was discharged, in the Militia in the year 1775 and 1776 she was informed he went out and did duty as the officers ordered him in the year 1777. He was 3 months at Ticonderoga from the first of January 3 months under the command of Col. Ebenezer Cox in Capt. Samuel Pettengils (3) Company, the same year about the last of June to the Unadilla (4) under the command of Gen'l Herkimer, two or three weeks in the months of July and August under the command of Gen'l Herkimer to the Battle of Oriskana (5) about one month, the time of his services she cannot particularly specify. She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Van Slyke on the 25th day of April or before the first of May I am positive it was about that time.

And it was in the year 1779 and A brother-in-law of hers, John Bartlet went with them when they married who is now dead, it was at Stone Arabia in the Town of Palatine said county, it was by the Dutch Minister of the Lutheran Church about 15 miles from where we lived, were little acquainted. Her husband the said Nicholas Vanslyke died on the 28th day of May in the year 1826 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will appear more fully by reference to the proof here to annexed.

(Signed with her mark) Abigail VanSlyke

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me. John Hand a Judge of the Montgomery County Courts

The following letter is in the pension application folder.

Rev. 1812 Wars Section

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.18199, it appears that Nicholas Van Slyk or Van Slyke enlisted (place not stated) and served in 1775 and 1776 as a private at various times in Captain Jacob Gardenier's Company, Colonel Frederick Fisher's New York Regiment, length of service not stated.

He enlisted the first of January 1777 and served three months as a private in Captain Samuel Pettingall's Company, Colonel Ebenezer Cox's New York Regiment and served two or three weeks in July and August under General Herkimer and was in the Battle of Oriskany.

He enlisted in March 1778, served in Captain Simon Degraff's New York Company in the bateau service and was discharged December 31, 1778.

Soldier died May 28, 1816.

He married, April 25 or before the first of May 1779, in the Lutheran Church in Stone Arabia, Town of Palatine, Montgomery County, New York, Abigail Wood.

She was allowed pension on her application executed June 1, 1837, while a resident of Glen, Montgomery County, New York, aged seventy-six years.

There are no data relative to children.

This is the history of the only Nicholas Van Slyk found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Respectfully, E. W. Morgan, Acting Commissioner.

End Notes—W.18199—Nicholas VanSlyk or VanSlyck, Van Slike

1. Jacob Gardinier was appointed Captain on August 26, 1775 of the first company in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
2. Nicholas enlisted on April 23, 1778 in Captain Simon DeGraff's Company of Bateauemen. The Company was discharged on December 31, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, (Quartermaster General's dept.) folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. A detachment was raised from the Tryon county Militia Brigade commanded by Brigadier General Nicholas Herkimer. Ebenezer Cox, Colonel of the First Regiment of Tryon County Militia was appointed to command this detachment while at Fort Ticonderoga from January to about April of 1777. Captain Samuel Pettengell of Colonel Visscher's Regiment took those raised from Visscher's Regiment and went with Colonel Cox.
4. On June 27, 1777, General Herkimer with a detachment of Tryon County Militia held a conference with Captain Joseph Brant at Unadilla in hopes to get Brant to either join the American cause for liberty or at least to remain neutral in the conflict. The conference failed and a battle almost took place but they met again.
5. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777. Brant was with the British troops and Indians Allies waiting to ambush the Americans. General Herkimer commanded the American troops. When the battle ended Herkimer

was wounded in the leg which was later amputated. Herkimer died from the amputation on August 17, 1777.