

Pension Application for Henry Ostrander

W. 16667 (Widow: Patty)

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in Plattsburgh, in and for the County of Clinton and State of New York, on the third day of October 1820, Present: Elisha Arnold, Caleb Nichols, Nathan Carver and Allen R. Moore. Justices of the said Court.

County of Clinton ss: on this third day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court proceeding according to the course of the common law, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, and keeping a record of their proceedings in and for the County of Clinton, Henry Ostrander aged sixty six years resident in the town of Plattsburgh in the said County of Clinton, who being first duly sworn according to law; doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That he enlisted in 1775 for five months in Rosecrants Company Col. Holmes N. York Regiment (1) and served out that time that in the spring of 1776 he enlisted for ten months in Rosecrints Company Dubois N. York Regiment (2) and served out that term and at the expiration of that term he again enlisted in the last mentioned company and Regiment in the N. York line for three years (3) and served out that time and was discharged at Morristown, New Jersey he was at the taking of fort Montgomery and taken prisoner then and at the battle of New town.

That his original declaration to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress of the 13th of March 1818 was made the thirtieth day of March 1818, that he has received a pension certificate Numbered 15393 and dated the sixth day of October 1819 And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United State in the revolutionary war" passed on the 13th day of march 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts of debts, due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule, hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Real Estate. None. Personal Property Excepting my necessary Bedding and Cloathing

One old five pail kettle 3—

One tea pot 3 cups and saucers .37

Tea Kettle and 3 knives and forks 1.—

4 kitchen chairs, old 2.

1 small cow, 1 pot, I dish kettle 16.50

One fire shovel and one pair old hand iron 1.50

Total \$25.97

Sworn to and declared on the third day of October 1820 before the above named Judges in Open Court.
C. Platt, clerk.

I Charles Platt, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas held in and for the County of Clinton; do certify that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the record of the said Court, and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is twenty five dollars and ninety seven cents. And I further certify that the last term of this Court closed on the 11th of May last and before the promulgation of the act of Congress of the first of May 1820—in this County and that there has been no court held in said county until the present term at which the above schedule and oath could be received.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on this third day of October 1820. Chas. Platt. Clerk of the Court for the County of Clinton.

State of New York

Clinton County SS. I Henry Ostrander of the Town of Plattsburgh in the County of Clinton & State of New York, do solemnly and sincerely swear & declare that I was a private in Captain Rosecrants Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois in the New York line in the service of the United States of America in the war of the revolution, that I enlisted in the army of the United States, at Fishkill in the State of New York in the fall of the year 1775 in the same Regiment & under the officers first mentioned above for the term of five months & was discharged the refrom at Albany some time in the Month of January 1776.—That I afterwards, in the month of February 1776, enlisted again at Fishkill for one year, in the same regiment & under the same officers, & was discharged therefrom in February 1777 at Fort Montgomery and that soon after my discharge at Fort Montgomery I again enlisted in the army of the United States at the Town of Fishkill aforesaid, for the term of three years in the Regiment & Company under the officers aforesaid and that I was taken prisoner at Fort Montgomery in October 1777 and was exchanged at the expiration of ten months & rejoined my Regiment at the White Plains in the State of New York and was discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey in January 1781. That I lost my

discharge about thirty years since, That I am in indigent circumstances & am in need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed with his mark) Henry Ostrander

I Caleb Nichols a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County & of Clinton & State of New York do certify that on the thirtieth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen the above named Henry Ostrander to me known made out before me to the above statement & declaration Caleb Nichols.

State of New York
Clinton County

Be it remembered that before the Subscriber William F. Haile one of the Judges for the County Courts of said County personally appeared Patty Ostrander of Plattsburgh in said County & on her oath made the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension from the United States under the act of Congress passed 4 July 1836.

She says that she is the widow of Henry Ostrander late of Plattsburgh deceased—She was married to said Henry Ostrander at Fishkill in this State in October in the year 1779 by Thomas Storm Esquire a Justice of the Peace—He the said Henry Ostrander was there & for a considerable time previous had been a private soldier in Col. Dubois Regiment in the New York line—he was in Capt. Rosekrants Company—William Alger was his Lieutenant for some time—he continued in that regiment some time after the marriage. He after the marriage went north with a party of men as a guard & took a number of the Tories out of the Country to Canada. – He continued in the army from the beginning of the Revolutionary War most of the time till peace—He was in one severe action that is when Fort Montgomery was taken. He was then taken prisoner—Soon after the Revolution & in the year 1785 Deponent & the said Henry Ostrander moved to Plattsburgh then a wilderness & where they have resided ever since & her daughter Ada was the first born white child in Plattsburgh—Her said husband drew a pension from the United States as a revolutionary soldier for several years previous to his death he died at Plattsburgh in January 1830 & she has ever since remained a widow & greatly needs a pension—She is now in the eightieth year of her age—She has no documentary evidence in support of her claim—previous to her marriage with said Henry Ostrander her name was Patty Nicholson. (Signed with her mark) Patty Ostrander

Sworn & subscribed to at Plattsburgh this 20th day of February 1837 before me the same having been first carefully read over to the Deponent by me, she being unable to write her name & being unable to attend court by reason of age & infirmity. The words "The said Henry Ostrander having been first enterlined. I also certify that the Deponent is a credible witness. Wm. F. Haile, a Judge of Clinton County Courts.
Reply to a letter of inquiry dated February 14, 1938.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Henry Ostrander, who, was born in Dutchess County, New York, and died in Plattsburgh, New York.

The data given herein are found in the papers on file in pension claim. W. 16667, based upon service of Henry Ostrander in the Revolutionary War.

Henry Ostrander was born October 10, 1754; the place of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown. He resided in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, as early as 1774. While a resident of said Fishkill (blot on a line) 1775, served five months as a private in Captain James Rosekrans' company, Colonel Holmes' New York regiment and was discharged sometime in January 1776, at Albany; he re-enlisted in the spring of 1776, and served ten months as private in Captain James Rosekrans' company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' New York regiment, then re-enlisted under these same officers, was in the battle of fort Montgomery where he was taken prisoner, was exchanged later, re-joined his regiment, was in the battle of Newtown, (4) and was discharged from service in January 1781, at Morristown, New Jersey.

Henry Ostrander was allowed pension on his application executed March 30, 1818, at which time he resided in Plattsburg, Clinton County, New York. He had lived there ever since about 1785. He died there January 25, 1830.

Henry Ostrander married in October 1779, in Fishkill, New York. Martha (called Patty) Nicholson; she was born September 18, 1757, names of her parents not shown. She was of Dutch descent.

Patty Ostrander (as her name was borne on the pension rolls) was allowed pension on her application executed February 20, 1837, at which time she resided in Plattsburgh, New York. She died January 14, 1840.

The names of children of Henry Ostrander and his wife, Martha (Patty) were show as follow: (5)

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| Elizabeth Ostrander | Born April 4, 1781, died Sept. 11, 1831. |
| Mary Ostrander | Born July 3, 1783. |
| Idah Ostrander | Born September 7, 1785. |
| James Ostrander | Born January 6, 1788. |
| Sarah Ostrander | Born November 2, 1789. |

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| Jane Ostrander | Born December 5, 1791. |
| Richard Ostrander | Born September 13, 1793, died Nov. 4, 1805. |
| Henry S. Ostrander | Born February 28, 1796. |
| Israel N. Ostrander | Born July 23, 1799. |

Children's Marriages

Elizabeth Ostrander January 3, 1803

Mary and Robert D. Liddell July 14, 1832.

In 1837, Israel N. Ostrander, the son noted above, resided in Plattsburgh, New York. At that time soldier's widow stated that when she and her husband moved (in 1785) to Plattsburg, it was a wilderness, and that her daughter Ada (probably Idah as above) "was the first born white child of Plattsburg".

In 1820, Martha Wilson, soldier's granddaughter, lived with her grandparents in Plattsburg, New York; she was aged then about ten years. Her father was deceased, and the name of her mother was not designated.

In 1837, Permelia Storms and her husband, Primas Storms, resided in Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont. She stated that she was present at the marriage of Patty Nicholson and Henry Ostrander and that she cooked the wedding supper. She did not state any relationship to either party.

End Notes—W.16667—Henry Ostrander

1. Henry enlisted as a private on August 7, 1775 in Captain James Rosekrans (Ninth Company) in Colonel James Holmes Fourth New York Continental Regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 70, folder 50, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Colonel Lewis DuBois was appointed Colonel of an un-numbered Continental Regiment on June 26, 1776. Captain Rosekrans was not part of this regiment and so far the muster or payrolls for this regiment have not been found.
3. Henry enlisted as a private for 3 years in Captain James Rosekrans (First Company) on January 1, 1777 in Colonel Lewis DuBois Fifth New York Continental Regiment. He was taken prisoner at the taking of Fort Montgomery, N.Y. on October 6, 1777. After he was exchanged he returned to the regiment. He was discharged on January 1, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 70, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. The Battle of Newtown was fought on August 29, 1779. This was part of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign against the Iroquois in Western New York in 1779.
5. The pages containing the childrens' names were torn out of the family Bible and included with Patty's application.