

Pension Application for Henry Ostrander

W.20284 (Widow: Mary)

I find on the church record the baptism of Jacob Ostrander son of Henry Ostrander and Mary Goewey. Said baptism occurred on the Thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, the birth of Jacob Ostrander is recorded as having occurred August twenty fourth of the same year.

On all our church records, the wifes maiden name is recorded; consequently Mrs. Ostrander's name (wife of Henry Ostrander) is written, Mary Goewey. Edward P. Stimson, pastor of the 1st Reformed Dutch Church of Greenbush, Greenbush, Rensselaer County New York, August 16th 1842.

Henry Ostrander born on Friday September 24, 1756

1769 Mary Goewy born on wensday [sic] in the morning at nine oclock June 9.

1789 Jacob Ostrander born on Monday the 24, Clock Eleven, August.

1792 Rachel Ostrander born November 26th.

1802 David Ostrander born April 12

1806 Janine Ostrander born November 19th the son of Isrel Cuis L Whitsey's Henry Ostrander Wiltsey born the day of August 30 the year of our lord 1815.

Jack Ostrander born 1796 some time in August, he was bunt in 1801 March 9th.

This may certify that I Mary Ostrander am the widow of Henry Ostrander (deceased) that I was born in the vicinity of the City of Troy, Rensselaer County & State of New York, about one mile east of where the said city is now situated County of Rensselaer and State of New York, on the ninth day of June 1769. That I was married to Henry Ostrander by the Revd Samuel Schwarsager on the nineteenth day of December one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five in what is now known as the Town of Brunswick County & State aforesaid, that my late husband Henry Ostrander died in the Town of Greenbush County & State aforesaid on the seventh day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, that my said husband and I lived together as man & wife from the time of our marriage to the time of his death that he was my first husband and I his first wife and that I have not been married since but remain yet his widow that I verily believe my late husband Henry Ostrander to have done much actual service in the Revolutionary War and from what I have heard him say as well as from what I have seen, have no doubt of his having been in actual service at least two years and I think a longer time, that I saw him on duty once in the city of Albany, a short time before our marriage as a guard when there were four men being near the Powder house that place have often heard him say that he served under Col. Wm or Killian Van Rensselaer (1) Capt. Anthony Bries (2), Capt. Staats (3), Harport Whitbeck (4) and Lieut. John Ostrander (5) and several other officers the names of which I do not now recollect can not recollect any particular time he commenced any tour of service but known him to have been absent at one time nine months (6) and that he informed me that he has been in service the whole time that he was then absent, that he was absent many other times and when he returned informed me that he had been on service and that he always appeared ready and willing to go, have heard him say that he had been frequently to lake George and many other places, Johnstown, Schenectady, but I can not now recollect the names of all the places, do not recollect of hearing him say that he was in any battle or skirmishes, have no papers giving any light on his services but am informed that his name appears on some old papers in the hands of the heirs of Lieut. John Ostrander. I recollect that he was absent much that he informed me that he was in the service when Genl Burgoyne (7) was brought prisoner to Albany, neither my husband or myself have used any pension nor have ever made application before this. Have lived in the same neighbourhood from the time of our marriage to the time of his death, and I have lived in the same place until the present time, have heard my husband say that he had been drafted and that he had many times volunteered, and was once or twice a substitute, but can not recollect the name of the person for whom he was a substitute, have never heard him say that he served in any other capacity than as a private, that my husband was born on the 24th day of September 1756 as appears in the family Bible since in my possession that my name was Mary Goewy before I was married. That my oldest child's name is Jacob Ostrander & that his name appears as my first child upon the family record now in my possession the leaf on which this and other of my childrens names & ages are written I have consented to have taken therefrom (8) this day for the purpose of forwarding to the pension department the first four of the names there in written are my children & the times of their birth. That I was married about twelve miles distant from where I now live & where I was not acquainted did not have any bridesmaid or groomsman did not know any person that was present, was married at the minister's house, went about twelve miles to get married, made arrangement to have bridesmaid & groomsman but was disappointed by a storm, did not know who wrote the names in the bible but they have been written a great many years, at least twenty or thirty years, it is the acknowledged family record and the only one I know of belonging to me or in my possession, all the above facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the figure nine in my age was

witnessed immediately after it was made or that it was first made (by an error) a figure seven & at that time corrected or altered to a figure nine as it there appears. (Signed with her mark) Mary Ostrander

Witness, Jacob Whalen

Sworn & Subscribed before me on this 16th day of August 1842. Jacob G. Whalen

End Notes—W.20284—Henry Ostrander

1. Killian VanRensselaer was the Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Anthony Bries was the First Lieutenant in Captain Jacobus Cole's Company which was the Sixth Company, in Colonel Killian VanRensselaer's Regiment. Anthony Bries (Brease, etc.) was commissioned Captain on March 4, 1780 as Captain Cole declined or resigned.
3. Nichols Staats was Captain of the Fifth Company in Colonel VanRensselaer's Regiment.
4. Harpert was the Second Lieutenant in Captain Cole's Company and when Bries was made Captain, Harpert was commissioned his First Lieutenant.
5. John Ostrander was appointed Ensign in Captain Cole's Company on November 5, 1778. He was then commissioned Second Lieutenant in Captain Brie's Company on March 4, 1780.
6. A Henry Ostrander served as a private in Captain Jeremiah C. Muller's Company in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1780.
7. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his army at present day Schuylerville on October 17, 1777. General Burgoyne was afterwards a prisoner quartered at Major General Philip Schuyler's home in Albany.
8. These pages were included in her pension application.