

Pension Application for Joseph Perkins

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State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

Be it known that before me Benjamin Tabor a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths personally appeared Sarah Snyder and made oath in due form of law that the said James Perkins mentioned in the annexed declaration is the son and heire [heir] of Joseph Perkins a Soldier of the revolution war and that I personally know the fact that the said Joseph Perkins died in the town of Conquest Cauga [Cayuga] County State of New York in the year 1813, in the month of July or August and that I was present at his funeral; and I further say that I have no interest in the annexed declaration or claim and I further say that I have heard Joseph Perkins his father speak of his son James as his son. Sarah Snyder

Sworn and Subscribed this February 21st day of 1857 before me. Benjamin Tabour Justice of the Peace.

State of New York

County of Oneida

On this 16th day of February one thousand eight hundred & fifty seven personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within & for the county & state aforesaid James Perkins a resident of the Town of Western in the County of Oneida aforesaid aged sixty nine years who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the son of Joseph Perkins mentioned in the annexed certificate from the office of the secretary of the State aforesaid, which said Joseph Perkins was a sergeant int he American Army in the war of the revolution, after the close of the war the said Joseph Perkins settled in Saratoga County state of New York where this declarant was born in the town of Clifton Park, from thence the said Joseph Perkins about the year 1803, went to the county of Albany in said state & resided there a short time, from thence about the year 1811 said Joseph Perkins removed to the town of Conquest in the County of Cayuga in said state where he resided until the time of his death in the year 1813.

Declarant further says that he has heard his deceased father say in his lifetime that he served as a sergeant in the said war and served therein under Captain VanNess.

Declarant further says that his father never received any pension from the government whatever, and on one occasion about 1804 in the town of Niskayuna in the County of Saratoga this declarant heard the said Captain VanNess ask the said Joseph Perkins why he did not apply for an invalid pension on account of his wound, and the said Joseph Perkins replied that he would not apply for a pension so long as his country was in debt, so long as he was able to obtain his own living.

Declarant further says that the said Joseph Perkins was severely wounded in different actions in the cause of the war aforesaid as the said father of this declarant often asserted in the presence of other old soldiers & this declarant.

Declarant further says that the said Joseph Perkins died leaving a widow about two years only & who died about the year 1815, and the said Joseph Perkins has no heir or direct descendent now surviving except this declarant. The father of this declarant had three other children besides himself, namely Isaac Parker who died at Boonville Oneida County N.Y., without heirs, Elizabeth Perkins who died in while very young in the town of Conquest aforesaid without heirs.

Declarant further says that he name of the said Joseph Perkins mentioned in the annexed certificate is also on the Master rolls at Washington along with the name of James Perkins his brother both of whom served in the revolutionary war, aforesaid & declarant says that the Joseph Perkins mentioned in the said certificate is the same Joseph Perkins who was a revolutionary soldier, afterwards residing In the County of Saratoga & Albany & who subsequently died in the town of Conquest in the County of Cayuga & who was the father of this declarant.

This declarant therefore makes this declaration and proof for the purpose of obtaining the pensions & arrears to which his father as aforesaid was entitled in his lifetime or which this declarant as heir of said Joseph Perkins may claim under the acts of May 15, 1828, June 7, 1832, July 4, 1836, & July 7, 1838 & subsequent acts in regard to granting pensions & providing for the payment of unclaimed arrearages to heirs of Revolutionary soldiers. (Signed) James Perkins. Geo. Wheelock Justice of the Peace.