

Pension Application for Marcus Rickert

R.22071

State of New York SS

On this fourth day of October 1842, personally appeared before Harvey Watson one of the judges on the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie, Gertraut Rickert, a resident of the town of Middleburgh in the county of Schoharie and State of New York aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Marcus Rickert who was a fifer in the war of the Revolution and served as stated in the papers hereto annexed. That he served in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Peter Vroman & Roswell Hopkins of Schoharie in sundry expeditions which this declarant is unable to specify.

She further declares that she was married to the said Marcus Rickert on the twenty eighth day of August in the year seventeen hundred and eighty five; that her husband the aforesaid Marcus Rickert died on the seventh day of January 1813 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me the said judge and I certify that said deponent cannot write her name. Subscribed and sworn in open court. (Signed with her mark) Gertraut Rickert

Subscribed and sworn in open court. Henry Watson Judge of Schoharie County Courts.

And the said declarant being further duly sworn, saith that she does not know the names of the officers under whom her said husband Marcus Rickert, performed military duty nor can she specify any particular tour of duty ass he resided at the time in the tour of Middleburgh in the said county of Schoharie, distant about five miles from the lower fort (as it was called) where the said Marcus Rickert done duty as a fifer, as she understood at the time, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Vroman.

And she further saith that she was married as aforesaid at the house of Peter Becker in the town of Middleburgh by the Rev'd. George William Schneyder Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church of Schoharie on the twenty eighth day of August 1785. (Signed with her mark) Gertraut Rickert

Subscribed and sworn to in open court this fourth day of October 1842 before me.
Thos. McArthur, Clerk of Schoharie County

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On the 4th day of October in the year 1845 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said county Jacob Enders a resident of the Town and County of Schoharie and State of New York, says he is eighty nine years old and in his ninetieth year being by me duly sworn & doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That he knew Marcus Rickart the husband of the applicant in Schoharie and that the said Marcus Rickart done duty as a Musition [musician] in the Revolutionary War as follows. The fall before Burgoyne (1) surrendered the said Rickard was on service with this deponent one month at Johnstown in Montgomery [now Fulton] County in this state And has also been on duty with the said Rickart at other places especially at the Stone Fort in Schoharie and [both this deponent and' is crossed out] the said Rickert done duty under Capt. Geroge Richtmyer (2) and Colonel Peter Vrooman.

(Signed with his mark) Jacob Enders

Subscribed and sworn before me the 4th day of October 1845 Charles R. Gordon Justice of the Court.

I also certify that the said Jacob Enders is so sworn that he cannot write his name. Charles R. Gordon, Justice

I also certify that I have been some acquainted with the above Jacob Enders and believe that this statements under oath are correct and believe him to be a credible witness. Charles R. Gordon, Justice

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John Jost Werner, residing in the town and county aforesaid, being duly sworn, saith that he was eighty nine years of age on the third day of July last and had resided on the farm where he now lives ever since the Revolutionary War—that he was well acquainted with Marcus Rickert a revolutionary soldier, who did duty in the militia company commanded by Capt. George Richtmyer in Col. Peter Vroman's Regiment, in the State of New York—that this deponent was also a soldier in the said company; and that the said Captain George Richtmyer marched his company from Schoharie to Fort Edward in the months of July and August in the year one thousand seven [eight was crossed out and seven inserted] hundred and seventy seven; and this deponent accompanied him and that the said Marcus Rickert started from Schoharie with the said company and continued with them and

did duty till they returned to Schoharie--and that the said Marcus Rickert was absent from home and did duty in the said company on this expedition four weeks—and that this deponent was in company with the said Marcus Rickert during the whole of the four weeks, and saw him almost daily, as he was well acquainted with him they were on intimate terms of friendship. (Signed) John Jost Werner

Wrote the word eight erased and seven inserted.

Subscribed and sworn this 11th August 1845 before me. John Gebhard, Junr. Justice of the Peace

I certify that I am well acquainted with the above named John Jost Warner and have been for a long time, and that he is entitled to the fullest confidence and credit in all respects. August 11th 1845.
John Gebhard Junr., Justice of the Peace.

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On this eighth day of 1845 personally appeared before me John Gebhard Junr a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Gertrout Rickert of the town of Middleburgh in said county aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make this supplemental declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of July 7th 1838. That in the month of October 1842 she made a declaration in open court, before the court of common pleas in and for said county of Schoharie in order to obtain pension in consideration of the Revolutionary services of her husband, Marcus Rickert, deceased—That her said declaration is hereto attached and contain a true statement of the fact required to be set forth by the regulations of the War Department (as Declarant is advised and believes) as far as Declarant is able to relate them—She still remains a widow having never married since the death of her husband, the said Marcus Rickert, which occurred on the seventh day of January eighteen hundred and thirteen. (Signed with her mark) Gertrout Rickert

Subscribed and Sworn the day & year aforesaid before me John Gebhard, Junr, Justice of the Peace

Fulton December 8th 1845
Sirs

You will please call the attention of the Commissioner of Pensions to the fact that two months service of Marcus Rickert are proved by witnesses in addition to the service shown to have been rendered by the Certificate of the Comptroller of this State. This service is one month in the fall of 1776 and another month in the fall of 1777 and after said commissioner has acted you will please write and send the proceedings to me, Direct to the Middleburgh Post Office.

Respectfully yours Hermanus Vroman.

End Notes—R.22071—Marcus Rickert

1. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British troops on October 17, 1777.
2. Marcus served as a fifer in captain George Richtmyer's (or Rightmyer) Company which was the Third Company, in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. A Marcus Rickert served in captains Christian Stubrach's and Dirck Miller's Companies as a private.