

Pension Application for John Staring

W.16,741 (Widow: Jane)
Montgomery County
State of New York SS.

George Stine of the town of Florida in the County Aforesaid says he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War first being Duly sworn says he was Acquainted with John Staring served Together at Different times the first time I went on a scouting party in the year 1775 under the command of Capt. MacMaster, Col. Frederick Fishers Regiment we went in the woods north of Groots Tavern about 12 miles west of Schenectady to the Fish house and was on duty that time about 14 Days not less, in the year 1776 was also on duty one tour of service in the winter in the month of January when Genl. Schuyler Disarmed Sir John Johnson 7 Days in the year 1777 I was with him to Oriskana under the command of Genl. Herkemer [Herkimer] I was in Capt. Hodges Company John Staring was in Capt. Jacob Gardinier's Company in Col. Frederick Fisher's Regiment that time John Staring was not less than one Month on duty in the service of the United States and in the fall of the year before Borguine [Burgoyne] surrendered I served in Capt. John Lighels [Little?] Company, Col. Frederick Fisher's Regiment the Col. was not there I believe wee [Sic, We] or John Staring was then on duty in the service of the United States at Least six weeks, John Staring was a private and I remember seeing him at Different other times in the Militia service of the United States but can't remember time of his service, the officers and sometimes the place where he was and knows the Claimant Jane Staring to be the widow of John Staring deceased above Mentioned. (Signed with his mark) George Stine

Subscribed and sworn the 13th day of May 1837 before me. Myndert Starin, Com. of Deeds.

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On this 2nd day of May 1837 personally came and appeared before me, John Hand, one of the Judges of the County Court for the County of Montgomery aforesaid Jane Staring, a resident of Glen in the said County of Montgomery & State of New York, and stated that she is aged 78 years, who being duly sworn by me according to Law doth on her oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 and that of March 3rd 1837, that she is the widow of John Staring and was married to the said John Staring the 18th day of February 1781, by the Reverend Ephraim Damster, in the Revolutionary War, John Staring the Lawful husband of Jane Starin as by her oath says that her husband spent as a private under Collonel Fisher & Collonel Veeders Regiment and under the command of Capt. Jacob Gardinier (1) & Lieutenant Abraham Quackenbush (2) during the Revolutionary War, down to the year 1778, or 1779, I am not positive, the services of her husband John Staring is in part traditionary or such as was related to her at different times during the War, and at different times since by her husband and from persons that said that they were with him at the following places, as near as my memory will serve in the year 1776 —at Fort Hunter, one month, Scotch Bush in the same year 10 days and in the Oriskany Battle 1777- (3) one month the same year 42 days at Saratoga (4) before Burgoine Surrendered, Cobels Kill in 1778—10 days the same year at Stone Rabia 17 days, the same year at Cherry Valley 7 days, at Sackendaga Block House the same year 1 month in 1779 at the German Flatts 16 days, after 1778, she knows he did service from information but does not particulary know to describe it, she also states that he was inlisted in the Boating services and was present when he inlisted and saw him pass & repass the place where they lived in boats during the war and was listed for 9 months under Capt. Dickerson

(5) or Capt. Simon DeGraff and believes that he served the whole of his time, and that her husband John Staring (6) Dyed February 19th 1832 and that the said Jane Starin remained his widow ever since. (Signed) Jane Staring

Sworn and Subscribed this day and year aforesaid. John Hand a Judge of the Montgomery County Courts.

End Notes—W.16741—John Staring

1. Jacob Gardinier was appointed captain of the first company on August 26, 1775 in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Volkert Veeder served as lieutenant colonel under Colonel Visscher.
2. Abraham D. Quackenboss or Quackenbush, was appointed the first lieutenant in Captain Gardinier's company on the same date in Colonel Visscher's Regiment.

The other company officers appointed on August 26, 1775 were: William Hall as the second lieutenant and Gideon Marlatt as the ensign.

3. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777, Captain Gardinier was severely wounded at the battle and recovered from his wounds.
4. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne led an invasion force from Canada via Lakes Champlain and George and then down the North River now called the Hudson River in 1777.

After many battles and skirmishes the retreating American Army encamped in August at and around Stillwater and Saratoga now called Schuylerville.

In August after the siege of Fort Schuyler now in the City of Rome; Oneida County, was raised and the British forces under Brigadier General Barry St. Leger had returned to Fort Oswego many of the Tryon County Militia went to Saratoga and joined the American Army there.

Some of the pensioners from the Tryon County Militia mention while there they were used as teamsters, cutting timber and building fortifications along the river and the American Camps to protect them from attacks.

Many were still there in October and fought in the battle of October 7th under Major General Benedict Arnold. Peter Conyne who served as a lieutenant and adjutant in Colonel Visscher's Regiment was wounded in that battle.

Burgoyne surrendered the remnants of his invading army to Major General Horatio Gates on October 17, 1777.

5. Captains James Dickson and Simeon DeGraff had batteau companies in 1778. This service would be in the Quartermaster General's Department. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, folder 78. (Quartermaster General's Department, Continental Troops), National Archives, Washington, D.C.

John also served in Captain Garret Putman's Company in Colonel Visscher's Regiment. When he served in this company is unknown.

6. There are various spellings of Staring including Stauring, Starin, Starring; which is sometimes in records given as Stanning, Storing and etc.