

Pension Application for John Storms

W.26449 (Widow: Elizabeth) October 27, 1846, Elizabeth applied for pension as a widow. She stated she was a resident of the town of Ramapo in Rockland County, aged 75 years. Stated she was married December 1792. John died on the thirty-first day of October 1845.

District of New Jersey SS.

On this twentieth day of April AD 1818 before me the subscriber district Judge of the United States in & for the said district personally appears John Storms aged sixty one years resident in the Township of Pompton in the County of Bergen in the said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", that he the said John Storms enlisted at Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in April AD 1776 in the company commanded by Captain James Rosengrants in the fifth New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Lewis Dubois, that he enlisted for during the war. That he continued to serve in the said corps until he was taken prisoner by the British at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York on the 6th day of October 1776, that he remained a prisoner about nine months, when he was exchanged and immediately joined the said regiment and continued to serve in the said corps on in the service of the United States on the continental establishment until the close of the war in the month of June 1783 when he was regularly discharged at Newburgh in the State of New York, that he had a printed discharge which he delivered to the person to whom he sold his bounty lands. That he was in the battle at Fort Montgomery and in the battle of New Town under the command of Brigadier General Clinton in the expedition of General Sullivan against the Indians, and at the siege and capture of General Cornwallis at York in Virginia.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his services. (Signed) John Storm.

Made and sworn to before me the day and year first aforesaid. William S. Pennington, District Judge

District of New Jersey, Bergen County SS. On this 13th June 1820, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bergen aforesaid, in open court being a Court of Record, possessing a seal, having a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & proceeding according to the course of the common law, John Storms, aged rising sixty five, resident in the County of Bergen aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declares that he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War six years and about six months in Capt. Vanderberg's Comp. 2d New York Regt. Commanded by Col. Cortlandt. That the date of his original application was on the 28th day of April 1818, that he has rec'd a certificate from the War Department as a Pensioner Inscribed on Pension Roll of New Jersey agency dated 3d day of August 1819, being number 13,543.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818; & 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 as to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War", passed the 18th March 1818; and that I have not nor has any person in for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. That his occupation is that of a common labourer, that he is [an] old man & not able to labour much, having a lame hand, and laboring with a rupture, that he has six in [his] family viz: himself, his wife aged about forty years, his son James aged thirteen years, Mary Ann aged eleven in July next, Thomas aged six years & William between two & three years of age. The children do not assist in labour to support of the family except his son James. (Signed) John Storms.

Sworn to & declared in open court this 14th June 1820. Gab H. Ford.

Schedule referred to in the foregoing deposition—

Viz: 1 TeaKettel worth 8/-----\$1.00

1 old pot 2/-----.25

1 old do [ditto] 1/-----12 ½

1 Pail 2/6-----.31

1 Broken Griddle 2/-----12.1/2

(Signed) John Storms

Sworn to & declared in open Court this 14 June 1820. Gab H. Ford. I Abraham Westewills, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Bergen afores'd. Do hereby certify that the foregoing oath, and the schedule hereto 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 one dollar & eighty one cents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court on this 14th day of June An. Dom. 1820. Ab'm Westewills. Clerk.

Letter in file dated June 8, 1936, written in response to a request for information.

You are furnished herein the record of John Storms as found in the papers on file in pension claim W.26449, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Storms was born in the State of New York; the date of his birth and names of parents are not shown.

John storms enlisted in April, 1776, in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York, served as private in Captain James Rosenkrans' company, Colonel Lewis DuBoys' New York Regiment, and in Captain Henry Vanderburgh's company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York Regiment, was in the battle at Fort Montgomery where he was taken prisoner by the British, held captive about nine months then exchanged and immediately rejoined his regiment, went on General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, was in the battle of Newtown, also in the Siege of Yorktown and present at the surrender of Cornwallis and was discharged in June, 1783.

John Storms was allowed pension on his application executed April 20, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-one years and a resident of Pompton Township in Bergen County, New Jersey. In 1828, he was living in Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, and gave as his post-office address, "Care of Jacob Sleat, Ramapo, New York", no relationship shown. He died October 31, 1845, in said Ramapo, Rockland County, New York.

John Storms married in November or December, 1792, Elizabeth _____, her maiden name, names of parents or date and place of birth not stated.

Soldier's widow, Elizabeth Storms, applied for pension October 22, 1846 at which time she was aged seventy-five years and a resident of Ramapo, New York. The claim was allowed. She died May 10, 1851, in said Ramapo.

Seven children of John Storms and his wife, Elizabeth, survived their mother; their names were as follow[s]:

Elizabeth, born December 25, 1796, married date not given, James McMan and in 1846, residing in Monroe, Orange County, N.Y.

Samuel, born July 15, 1797, and in 1817 enlisted at West Point.

Jane wife of Wm Miller.

Mary Ann, on July 1809 wid. of John Wilks in 1852.

Thomas, born in 1814. William

William, born in 1817 or 1818. John

John in 1852 living in Ramapo, New York, age not given.

In 1820, the soldier referred to a son, James then aged thirteen years, no further reference made to him.