

**Pension Application for Nicholas Bort or Barth, Bart, Bardt**

W.16852 (Widow: Sophrona—died 21 November 1836, seven children survived. Nicholas died 17 May 1824.)

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1845 before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county in open court the same being a court of record, personally appeared Nicholas W. Bort aged fifty six years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath depose and say that he is the administrator sole of Sophrona Bort who was the widow of Nicholas Bort, sometimes called Barth. That he makes this declaration in order to records the pension to which the said Sophrona Bort was Entitled at the time of her death for the Revolutionary Services of her husband the said Nicholas Bort who was in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. And served as a Lieutenant (1) and also as Adjutant as this deponent was always informed, and believes true.

This deponent recollects of having seen the commission and also the uniform sword &c of his father Nicholas Bort but does not know what has become of them. That a part of his services he thinks was under Col. Clyde (2) and he thinks he served also under Col. Willet. (3) That the marriage of the said Nicholas Bort & Sophrona Bort whose maiden name was Sophrona Myers took place before the Revolutionary, as the deponent was always informed and believes true. That this deponent's father the said Nicholas Bort in his life time kept a family record in which he had in his own handwriting in the German language the record of his marriage. That this deponent saw the said record and that according to the said record of which this deponent tore a page, it appears that his father the said Nicholas Bort was born in 1741 and his mother the said Sophrona was born in 1751 and their marriage took place in 1767. (4) That the said family record was sent with some of the papers by this deponent to [Lawrence] Ford Esq to forward to the department & some time last fall since which this deponent had not seen them and this deponent has been informed by a communication that no papers have been recorded at the Pension office.

That his father the said Nicholas Bort died nineteen or twenty years ago leaving the said Sophrona his widow him surviving that the said Sophrona remained his widow and died in the said county of Madison in the month of November in the year 1836—That his father the said Nicholas Bort in his life time received a pension for wounds(5) received by him in the service in the Revolution War. That at the time of his death there was due him about one year and two months pension, which his widow claimed to draw and had papers prepared and sent but was informed the papers were incorrect or defective and she did not receive the money, and which sum this deponent also claims as administrator as aforesaid.

That this deponent does not recollect all the officers, names and whom to said under Nicholas Bort served nor can he state all the various capacities in which he served. But the service was mostly in the Mohawk Valley and about Johnstown in the State of New York.

That this claim is made under the act of July 4, 1836 and that the arrears due to his father being for about fourteen months is also claimed. The corner of the family record herein before referred to is so mutilated that it cannot be ascertained precisely what the date of the birth of Nicholas Bort above named father of this deponent was. But deponent supplied the date from some other circumstance. (Signed) Nicholas Bort

Sworn and Subscribed in open court this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1845. H. C. Miner, Dep. Clk  
Mad. Co.

Family Record

(6) Births

Caty Bort was born Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1799

Jacob Bort was born July 4<sup>th</sup> 1801

Henry Bort was born March 17<sup>th</sup> 1803

Polly Bort was born Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1805

Betsy Bort was born Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1807

Barbary Bort was born Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1808

John Bort Junr. Was born Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 1810

Margaret Bort was born August 30<sup>th</sup> 1812

David G. Bort was born June 10, 1814

Cornes. [Cornelius] Bort was born April 15, 1816

Wm. Bort was born August 24, 1820

Alanson Bort was born Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1822

Benj E. Bort was born August 13, 1826

Chauncey Bort was Born Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1830

John Bort was born February 8<sup>th</sup> 1777.

Marriages John N. Bort to Jemima Bort was married January 14<sup>th</sup> 1799.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1845 came before me John Bort to me known and being duly sworn says that the record hereto annexed is his family record taken from his bible and is correct and true and that said record was commenced more than 30 years ago. And that his own name & date of birth is at the bottom of said record, and that it was taken from his fathers record that was kept of his family which record is now lost, that he has often seen his father's family record and that his own age and date of his birth is a true transcript of the original as kept by his father in regard to his own name and date of his birth and that he is a son of Lieut. Nicholas & Sopronia Bort deceased as he believes, and that he was brought up in his father's family until he was twenty one years of age, and that his sister Catharine & Nancy & his brother George were older than this deponent and that his brothers Solomon, Nicolas, Henry, Christian (7) & Barnet and his sisters Margaret & Betsy & Barbary were younger than this deponent and that he this deponent remembers that his father Nicholas was in the service of the Revolution as a lieutenant and also recollects being in fort Willett, when his father was brought there from the battle of Johnstown wounded in the breast, and that he recollects of his mother, himself, the other children leaving the house on the approach of the Indians and torys and hiding in the bush, when his father was at fort Plain with the army—and has heard his parents and some of the old soldiers say that his father was engaged in the service of the Revolution the most of the time from its commencement to its close—and has heard Henry Seeber a revolutionary soldier say that he was present when this deponent's father was wounded and that he fought resolutely in a sitting posture & unable to stand after he was wounded, and this deponent believes from what he can recollect and from what his father and old neighbors have told him that his father lost his farm in consequence of his service in the war, and the loss he sustained in the depreciation of Continental (8) money. And also that the residence of this deponent's father and family was in the Valley of the Mohawk River, where it was indestructible necessary the most rigid exertions should be used to guard the country from the Indians and Tory's and that he believes his father exerted himself to the utmost of his ability in the service of his country during the Revolution all which this deponent believes to be true. (Signed) John Bort.

26<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1845, Micaiah Benedict, Justice of the Peace.

State of New York  
Oswego County SS

Rudolph Devendorf (Dieffendorf, etc.) of Hastings in the said County being duly sworn before Henry F. Storer a justice of the peace in and for the said County deposes and says that the annexed is his family record and is correct and true, and that his own name and date of his birth in said record was taken from his Father's family record, and that the annexed record was made more than 24 years ago. Deponent further says that he recollects towards the close of the revolutionary war the family of Nicholas Bort who was reported to be an officer and was very active at that time in the service of his country, was also acquainted with Sopronia Bort (wife of said Nicholas Bort) who was a daughter of Solomon Moyer (9) sometimes called Myers, was also well acquainted with Catharine Bort and George Bort the two oldest children of the said Nicholas and Sopronia Bort, and well recollects going to school with them during war, Catharine was older than this deponent and George some younger, was well acquainted with the family after the war, and went to school with the children and recollects that John Bort then went to school, Deponent was a son of Jacob Diefendorf who was a Captain and thinks Nicholas was a Lieutenant under his Father as it was then said, Deponent and said Bort resided in the Mohawk Valley when they were much troubled with Tories and Indians and deponent well recollects that said Nicholas Bort was in the service much of the time for the last 4 years of the war and was then informed and believes that he was in the service most part of the time from the commencement of the War, the families of Nicholas Bort and Jacob Diefendorf (Father of Deponent) were very intimate during the war and part of the time resided together in Fort Plank (so called) and lived near each other several years after the war and were always very intimate &c and further this deponent says not. (Signed) Rudolph Devendorf

Subscribed and sworn this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1846 before me. Henry E. Storer, Justice of the Peace.

Rudolph Devendorf was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1772 and married Barbara Thumb 30<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. in the year of our Lord 1793.

Barbara Devendorf wife of Rudolph Devendorf was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1776.

Elizabeth Devendorf was born the 1<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1795.

Margaret Devendorf was born the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1797.

A son was born the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord 1799 and departed this life the next day.

Peter Devendorf was born the 22<sup>d</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1800.

Joseph Devendorf was born the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1803.

Katherine Devendorf was born the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1805.

Chauncey Devendorf was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1807.

Harvey Devendorf was born the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 1811.

Harriet Devendorf was born the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1812. Died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1824.

Barbara Devendorf was born the 8<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1814.

Mary Devendorf was born the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1817.

Lewis Devendorf was born the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 182[0?]

End Notes—W.16852—Nicholas Bort

1. Nicholas probably served as an enlisted man in Captain Henry Dieffendorf's Fifth Company in Colonel Nicholas Herkimer's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. So far a surviving muster roll for this company has not been found. Henry was appointed captain on August 26, 1775 and served in that capacity until he was killed at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. Nicholas would have enlisted no later than 1776 and served either as a noncommissioned officer or private in the company. Henry's brother Jacob was the first lieutenant of the company and took command of the company after Henry's death. Jacob was appointed captain of the company along with George Countryman as the first lieutenant, Nicholas Bard (Bort) as the second lieutenant and Richard Elwood as the ensign. They were commissioned as officers on March 4, 1780.
2. Samuel Clyde served in various capacities of the First Tryon and eventually was commissioned lieutenant colonel on June 25, 1778 in the First Tryon. He continued in this capacity until the end of the war.
3. In 1781, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett was appointed to raise a regiment of levies and were to be stationed in the Mohawk Valley. Willett commanded the levies and the Tryon County Militia until he retired from the service on November 1, 1783.
4. According the Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Arabia, ed. R. W. Vosburgh, Collection of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol. I, Page 184, 1916, Nicholas and Veronica Major (Moyer) were married on November 24, 1767.
5. Nicholas was wounded in the breast in the Battle of Johnstown on October 25, 1781. Willett commanded the American troops in this battle. Henry Murphy ( who served in Captain Adam Leipe's Company in the First Tryon, in his affidavit dated October 16, 1842, who was also wounded in the Battle of Johnstown saw Nicholas after he had been wounded, and also thinks that Nicholas was in the Battle of Klocksfield which was fought on October 19, 1780 and the Battle of New Dorlach which was fought on July 10. Philip Baum who served in Captain Henry Miller's Company 1781 and the Battle of New Dorlach which was fought on July 10, 1781, in his affidavit of October 16, 1842 thinks Nicholas was at the Battle of Oriskany which was fought on August 6, 1777. Philip says he was in the Battle of Johnstown and saw Nicholas in that battle in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
6. John Bort, son of Nicholas supplied his families birth record which contained his record of birth for 1777 with his affidavit to support his father's birth and claim of marriage to his mother Sophrona.
7. According to the Records of the Dutch Reformed St. John's Church of St. Johnsville, ed. R. W. Vosburgh, Collections of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, Vol I, pp 41 & 77, 1914. Christian Bort was baptized on April 22, 1791 and Bernhard Bort was baptized on June 16, 1793.
8. According to Capt. Jacob Dieffendorf's Pay Receipt Roll dated Canajohary 25<sup>th</sup> September 1784 Nicholas had the following receipts or certificates (July 10, 1782) 10876 £ 53. . 12. . 6 and (1<sup>st</sup> Nov'r 1780) 10806 £ 53. . 12. . 6 and (4<sup>th</sup> Dec'r 1779) 10735 £ 21..16..11. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
9. Solomon Moyer or Myers, etc., served as a private in Captain Jacob Dieffendorf's Company in the First Tryon.