

Pension Application for Thomas Getman, or Kitman

W.16584

State of New York

Montgomery County

On this 11th day of October 1836 personally appeared before David F. Sacia Esqr a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Montgomery being a court of record Elizabeth Getman a resident of the town of Ephratah in the County of Montgomery and State of New York, aged Eighty three years the 15th of the present month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Thomas Getman who was a private soldier in the militia service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That to the best of her knowledge and belief He the husband of this claimant entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz. That in May 1776 the husband of the claimant belonging to the Company of Capt. Christopher W. Fox (1) in Coll. Jacob Klocks Regiment was ordered and marched to Fort Plank where he continued doing garrison duty with an imbodyed Corps for the term of three months or more that he on or about the 8th of August of the year 1776 enlisted and served in Capt. Christian Getman (2) Company of Rangers for the term of nine months during which term he was ordered and marched to Still Water that when his inlistment expired in Captain Getman Company he again came under the command of Capt. Fox and was immediately ordered into actual service and marched to Fort Plank from thence to Fort Herkimer went to Unadilla under the particular command of Gen. Herkimer (3) from thence back to Fort Herkimer and then to Fort Stanwix was in the battle at Oriskany (4) and sometime thence returned home having performed tour of three months, from time to time to the end of the war he belonged to the same company now under the command of Capt. Henry Miller (5) (Capt Fox (6) having been disabled at the Oriskany battle) doing such duty as ordered by his officers but this claimant cannot now recollect the particular periods nor the length of the tours but to the best of her recollection there was more than one of those month that he was at the Battle at Johnstown 25th October 1781 (7) which was the last of his service. That the claimant has no documentary evidence in her possession but is credibly informed that there may be muster or pay rolls referred to in the War Department in support of her claim. She further declares that she was married to said Thomas Getman on the 8th day of January 1774 or Seventeen hundred and seventy four that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Getman died on the 25th day of December 1820 and that she has ever since that period remained a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Getman

Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year above written before. D.F. Sacia Judge of Montgomery County Courts and I, the said Judge do hereby certify that the above named deponent is not able to appear in court.

Family Record

Thomas Getman born the 17th of November in the year of our Lord 1752.

Elizabeth Helmer now wife to the said Thomas Getman was born October 15th in the year 1753. Married January 8th 1774.

George T. Getman son of the said Thomas & Elizabeth was born December 5th in the year of our Lord 1774.

Thomas T. Getman was born August the 16th in the year 1776.

Catharine Getman daughter of the said Thomas & Elizabeth and now wife to Richard Suts was born September 3rd 1779

John T. Getman was born March 9th in the year 1782.

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On this 4th day of March 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said county Christopher Getman who being duly sworn doth depose and swear that annexed family record was this day cut by me from the family Bible of Thomas Getman deceased and is an original record by me entered in the said Bible for and at the request of the said Thomas Getman in his life time and to the best of his knowledge and belief is the only record relating to the marriage of Elizabeth Getman who now applies for a pension on account of the Revolutionary Services of her late husband Thomas Getman.

(Signed) Christopher Getman

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of March 1837 before me. Henry M. Livingston
J.P.

I certify that the above named Christopher Getman is a man of truth and veracity and that his statement is entitled to credit. Henry M. Livingston J.P.

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Clerks Office SS

I, Geroge D. Ferguson, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of Montgomery County aforesaid do hereby certify that Henry M. Livingston whose name is subscribed to the above affidavit & certificate was at the date of the same a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, and that I am well acquainted with his and writing & verily believe that his name subscribed as before mentioned is genuine.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of my office this 9th March 1837. Geo. D. Ferguson.

End Notes—W.16584—Thomas Getman

1. Christopher W. Fox was the Captain of the Third Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Thomas is listed as a private on "A List of Capt. Christopher Fox's Company of Melati (Militia) Liberty" Circa 1776. On a payroll for Captain Fox's Company the following is extracted: *Amount of mileage & Subsistence £ 1 . 05 . 1. Amount of Pay Roll £ 11 . 01 . 4.* For a total £ 12 . 06 . 5, also circa 1776. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 121, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Thomas enlisted as a private on August 5, 1776, in Captain Christian Getman's Second Company of Tryon County Rangers. On an updated payroll, Thomas is listed as being owed £ 9 . 6 . 2. The ranger companies were discharged on March 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 103, National Archives, Washington, DC.
3. Nicholas Herkimer was appointed brigadier general on September 5, 1776 of the Tryon County Militia Brigade.
4. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777.
5. Henry Miller was appointed second lieutenant on August 26, 1775 in Captain Fox's Company. Miller was commissioned First Lieutenant in Captain Fox's Company on March 4, 1780 in place of Peter Louck's who had been disabled by sickness. On September 29, 1780, Henry was commissioned Captain of Fox's Company as he had been promoted to major and commissioned on the same date as Miller.

6. Captain Fox was wounded severely at Oriskany but after recovering from his wound he did resume command of the company. Miller was actually promoted to Captain as Fox was promoted to major.
7. Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett commanded the American forces at this battle.