
Pension Application for Simon Nicolls

S.43077

County of Madison & State of New York SS.

On this 28 day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County personally appeared Simon Nicolle aged sixty four years, resident in Sullivan 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 and naval service of the United Sates in the revolutionary war": That he, the said Simon Nicolle enlisted in Ulster County in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Hasbrouck (1) of the New York line in Col. James Clinton's Regiment as a private in the summer of the year 1775; that he continued to serve in the said corps, (2) or in the service of the United States until the fifth day of February 1779, (3) when he was discharged from service in Montgomery County state of New York, that he was in the battles of taking St. John's and at the defeat of General Montgomery (4) & at the Battle of Monmouth (5) and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence (6) now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Simon Nicolls

Sworn to and declares before me, the day and year aforesaid. John Stocking, Judge &c.

End Notes—S.43077—Simon Nicolls

1. Elias Hasbrouck was appointed on June 28, 1775 as Captain of the Ninth Company which was raised from Ulster County in Colonel James Clinton's Third New York Continental Regiment. According to Captain Hasbrouck's Return of August 10, 1775, Simon Nichols had enlisted on July 27, 1775 at the age of 22. He was born at Wallkill and was a weaver by trade. He was enlisted from Capt. D. Galatia's Company of Militia. He was 5 feet 11 ½ inches in height, fair complexion, black hair and blue eyes. FROM: Documents Relating To The Colonial History of The State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol. I, Weed, Parsons and Company, Prentis, Albany, NY 1887, p. 172. In another company muster roll "Dated in Camp at Ticonderoga the 28th Day of Sept. 1775" Simon is listed "on Comd at St. John." FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 69, Folder 38, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. Simon may have re-enlisted on January 1, 1776 in Colonel Clinton's Regiment and remained in Canada until the American retreat. He then enlisted in Colonel John Nicholson's Additional Continental Regiment and was then injured when a baggage wagon in June ran over him and broke his thigh, the regiment was disbanded in November of 1776. There is some testimony in his application from soldiers that had served with him in the regiment.
3. Simon enlisted as a private on May 5, 1778 for nine months in Captain Israel Smith's Seventh Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. He was discharged on February 5, 1779.
4. Major General Richard Montgomery of the Continental Army was killed on December 31, 1775 in the storming of the City of Quebec. St. John surrendered to American forces on November 3, 1775. It ended the siege that started on September 18, 1775.
5. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778.
6. Included in Simon's pension application as part of his evidence for proof of service is his discharge from the Fourth New York. *"This Certifys that the Bearor hereof Simon*

Nicholle (A) of Ulster County in the State of N. York, heretofore Drafted for nine months, as served faithfully the same as a private soldier. In the 4th N York Regt foot in the service of the United States, into Captain's [blank] Company and his time being expired, is hereby Discharged from the said ---Given under my hand. P. Regnier Lt. Col. Comdt. Fort Plank feb 5th 1779. [on the reverse side] Received from Col. Regnier the sum of eigh[torn] Dollars, to be retained from the wages Due in the within named Regiment.—As written my hand--- Simon Ni[torn] NB Received eight dollars more. A.—The way Nicoll is written is difficult to determine if it is a e, s, or a fancy finish to the letter L. Simon's signature is clear and definitely is a S.