

Pension Application for John J. Blauvelt

W.20721 (Widow: Clauche or Clausha) Married on last day of June or the first of July 1782. John died on the 28th day of March 1811.

State of New York
Rockland County SS.

On this twenty first day of November in the year 1837 personally appeared before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, in and for said county, Clauche Blauvelt, a resident of the town of Orange in the said county, aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John J. Blauvelt, late of the said town of Orange, deceased, who was a private during the Revolutionary War, and served therein as follows.

That on or about the first of July in the year 1776, the said John J. Blauvelt enlisted at Tappan for five months in a company commanded by Capt. John Blauvelt in Col'n Nichols Regiment in Genl Putman's Brigade and after being so enlisted crossed the Hudson River and marched to White Plains, where the said company encamped and remained there until after the Battle was fought, when they retreated to King's ferry, where they remained until the first of December or sometime in said month until their term of enlistment was expired when he was discharged and he returned home.

That early in the spring of the year 1777, the said John J. Blauvelt belonging in a company whereof the said John Blauvelt was Capt in Col'n A Hawkes Hay's Regiment the said company being divided into classes of four men in each to serve in weekly tours or hire a substitute to serve, and the British having again sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bays, the said John J. Blauvelt was ordered out and did attend and guarded at different stations along the west side of the Tappan Bay or at Tappantown or in the State of New Jersey at Closter, Schratenburgh and the Liberty Pole, and served at one or the other of the above named stations or in marching from place to place, not less than one week in each and every four weeks until in the winter and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That early in the spring in the year 1778 the said John did again attend to the duty of guarding as aforesaid and served until in the winter at stations as aforesaid, serving not less than one week in each and every four weeks and not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1779 the said John served in the said company from early in the spring until winter serving not less than one week in each and every four weeks at duty and stations as aforesaid and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1780 the said John served in the said company from early in the spring until winter, tours and duty as aforesaid and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1781, the said John served from early in the spring until winter, tours and duty as aforesaid and served not less than two months in weekly tours as is aforesaid.

That in the year 1782, the said John did serve with men of the said company in duty and stations as aforesaid from sometime in the month of April until September (after which time guards was not regularly kept but only occasionally as prudence and necessity required) and served no less than one month.

That while out on duty as is above set forth the said John J. Blauvelt was not always commanded by the said Capt. Blauvelt, but was often commanded by other capt. and other officers as the officers changed as well as the men and often men of different companies did serve at the same station and was commanded by the same officers.

That she has no documentary [evidence] in support of her claim and the annexed testimony is all she is able at this late period to offer in support thereof.

She further declares that she was married to the said John J. Blauvelt by the Revd Samuel Verburck, then the Pastor of the United Congregations of Tappan and Clarkstown, in the month of June in the year seventeen hundred and eighty two, the day of the month she does not now recollect.

That her husband the aforesaid John J. Blauvelt died on the twenty eighth day of March eighteen hundred and eleven, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof thereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Clauche Blauvelt.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written in open court.

I Abraham Hogenkamp clerk of the said court do hereby certify that the foregoing declaration of Clauche Blauvelt was read, sworn to and subscribed in open court and being unlearned is unable to write her name.. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said county this twenty first day of November 1837. Abm. Hogenkamp, Clerk