

Pension Application for William Constable

W.22,810 (Widow: Henricca Louw) Married William November 15, 1783, Hurley, by Reverend J. G. Doll, Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in the Town of Kingston, county of Ulster. William died October 1836, day unknown.

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of said County now sitting William Constable a resident of the Town of Tompkins in said County and State aged seventy six years (come the 28th October inst. [instant]) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed June 7th 1832—

That he was born in the Town of Hurley in the County of Ulster on the 28th day of October 1756 as appears from a record in his Father's family Bible now in his possession. That he lived in Hurley aforesaid till after the Revolutionary War, that he then moved on to the Susquehannah River to the now town of Milford County of Otsego; whence he moved to the Town of Tompkins, County of Delaware about eighteen years ago, where he has ever since resided.

That he first entered the service under an enlistment for nine months in a company commanded by Cornelius Dubois, John VanDuzen Lieut.—Cornelius Demund Orderly Sergeant in col. Albert Pawling's Regiment, and were stationed at Shandaken to garrison the forts and guard that frontier, and were employed much of the time scouting for Indians and Tories—and on occasion this declarant & five others fell in with and were attacked by a party of Indians and Tories, when two of their party, left them & run to the fort, but this declarant and the other three kept up a fire on retreat and killed four Indians and two Tories, one of their company being killed and this declarant wounded.

That this declarant served his term of nine months in said company & Regiment & was then discharged at Esopus.

That this declarant again entered the service under an enlistment for eight or (as he thinks) nine months in a company commanded by Capt. Livingston or Dubois (This declarant cannot certainly tell which as they were both stationed in the same neighborhood & he served occasionally under both) of which John VanDuzen was Lieut. in Col. Paulding's Regiment and was stationed at the (now) town of Woodstock in said County where they built a fort (at Waughkunk in said Town) and were employed during the whole of the residue of that campaign in garrison and in scouring the Country for Indians and Tories till the Regiment was discharged at Esopus.

That he again entered the service by enlistment in Col. Weisenpelt's Regiment and served nine months in the same. This declarant was stationed at the fort at Wawarsink with a part of Capt. White's Company under the command of Lieutenant Levi DeWitt and was there, or engaged as a scout, during the whole of that season. Was there went Wawarsink was burnt by the Indians and Tories, and went with Lieut. DeWitt in pursuit of them the next morning, on which occasion this declarant acted as guide to the party and by taking a cross route got ahead of the enemy and lay in ambush and when they came up, routed them and killed fifty six of them, almost their whole party.

This declarant served till the company was discharged at the end of their term at Stone Ridge in said County of Ulster.

That this declarant was always stationed at some part on the frontiers with a part of a Company or at most one or two Companies and was acquainted with but few officers except those under whose immediate Command he acted.

That this declarant received a written discharge at the expirations of each of his said tours of service, but they are all lost or destroyed, and he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no other persons (than John Nicholas Yapple, Teunis Swart and James Young whose affidavits are hereunto annexed) whose testimony he can procure, to testify to his services.—

He refers to Benjamin Cannon, Darius Maples, John Owen among others of his neighbors as to his character for truth & veracity, and their belief of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) William Constable
Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk.