

**Pension Application for John Cornelison or Cornenelison**

W.16545 (Widow: Sarah) John died 1820.

United States of America

State of New York

Kings County City of Brooklyn SS.

On this fourth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Kings in open Court Sally Cornelison a resident of the City of Brooklyn in the County of Kings and State of New York aged eighty two 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of John Cornelison who was a soldier in the Revolutionary Army.

That deponent was married to the said John Cornelison who was then called John Cornelipe in the month of August 1768. That soon after deponents said marriage she came to live in the city of New York and remained there until the spring of the year 1777, when in consequence of the war, this deponent and husband's political opinions, were compelled by the royalists to leave the said City, when they removed to Tappan in the State of New York, that immediately after their said removal, this deponents said husband was engaged as a private soldier in the Public service under Capt. McGuire and was employed under the said McGuire for a considerable time, during this deponent remembers that her said husband was employed with others in putting obstructions in the Channel of the Hudson River to prevent the English vessels from proceeding up the Hudson's River, that he was afterwards under the command of Capt Thomas Blanch and was engaged as a soldier under said Blanch and did duty for a long time in the State of New Jersey.

That this deponent well remembers of her said husband being sick while in camp at Hackensack New Jersey for the space of three months or thereabouts—when he returns home on leave of absence, that he remains home until his health was restored when he again went into service under different officers until the summer of the year 1778, when he again enlisted a soldier under Capt. Jonathan Lawrence and went with him on an expedition to Fort Stanwix in the State of New York, during which expedition this deponent understood from her said husband that they had several schermishes [skirmishes] with the Indians, that after this deponents said husbands return from said expedition he acted as and was stationed as a water guard along the shore in which capacity he acted until a short time previous to the close of the war.

That during the Revolutionary War this deponent and her said husband lost all their property by being plundered by the Refugees, that after the Peace this deponent and her said husband removed to Clarkstown in the County of Rockland in the State of New York, that about the year 1786 they again removed to the City of New York where they remained until the year 1793 when they removed to the then town (now city) of Brooklyn, where they remained until the death of this deponent's husband which was in the year 1820 and this deponent further saith that she has remained a widow ever since and this deponent further saith that she has no other documentary evidence in support of her claim excepting that which is hereunto annexed. (Signed) Sarah Cornelison

Subscribed and sworn in open court the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1847, N.B. Morse First Judge &c.  
Abm Vanderveer, Clerk