

Pension Application for John Cornelius

W.24839 (Widow: Cornelia) John died October 5, 1837 very suddenly while he had a fit when he had a stump on his shoulder.

B.L.Wt. 10-60-55 Warrant number 6935 and Wt. 10-60-55, issued Aug 4, 1790. 100 acres.
State of New York

On this sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Columbia (being a Court of Record) of the said County, John Cornelius aged fifty seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the e18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820, that he the said John Cornelius enlisted sometime in the year 1778 or 1779 in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Henry Vandeburgh in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve for the term of four years & seven months when he was discharged from the said service at Snake Hill in the State of New York and was at the time of his discharge attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Courtland.

That he was in the battle at the taking of Lord Cornwallis and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services that I have now in my possession a certificate from the war office numbered 8353.

And in the pursuance of the act of the first May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war, passed the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

That I have ever since the revolutionary war been obliged to work for days wages to support myself & family and that I have a wife aged sixty four years and have four children the oldest of which is fifteen years and the youngest nine years of age.

Sworn to and declared on the sixth day of June 1820 before Robert L. Livingston, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Columbia.

A schedule of property belonging to John Cornelius, June 6th 1820.

2 cows worth \$15 each \$30.00

2 calves 6.00

1 hog 3.50

4 [?] .50

2 pots 2.75

2 pans 10.00 \$52.75

The following articles purchased with the money the said John has received as pension.

1 churn \$1.75

1 tub 1.50

1 chest 4.00

4 Jugs .50

1 hoe .50

1 wooden clock 4.00

4 Tea cups 5 saucers .25

1 tea kettle & tea pot .75
1 old stove .50
2 spinning wheels 5.00
2 axes 2.00
1 shovel .50
1 shuttle & hoe 1.00
52.75 [? unknown what this sum represents.] \$75.35.

Letter in folder dated May 3, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.24839, it appears that John Cornelius enlisted in the State of New York sometime in 1778 or 1779, served as a private in Captain Henry Vanderburgh's Company, Colonels Dubois' and VanCortland's New York Regiments, was in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition and at the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown and was discharged in 1783.

He was allowed pension and his application executed April 8, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Columbia County, New York.

The date of his birth is not given but in 1820, he stated that he was fifty-seven years of age.

He died October 5, 1837.

The soldier married May 31, 1784, at Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, Cornelia Johnson. The marriage was recorded on the records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of said Kinderhook.

She was allowed pension on her application executed April 10, 1847, at which time she was aged seventy-eight years, and resided in Homer, Cortland County, New York. In 1848, she stated that she was eighty-two years of age, no explanation is made of this discrepancy in age.

They had five children, two of whom were living in 1847. They were: Catharine Cornelius, who married ----- Johnson, and was aged fifty-one years in 1847 and living in Columbia County, New York, Angelina Cornelius; Philip Cornelius, aged fifty-one years in 1847 and living in Columbia County, New York; Isaac Cornelius; and Peter Cornelius.

In 1855, the widow was living in Homer, New York.