

Pension Application for John DeMire

W.19170 Dean Osterhoudt DeMair (Widow) Married January 1, 1790 in town of Saugerties, County of Ulster. John died March 27, 1815.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

John Smith of the town of Saugerties County of Ulster and State of New York being duly sworn deposes and saith that he is eighty seven years of age was a soldier in the revolutionary war and was well acquainted with John DeMair or DeMire who was also a soldier.

That deponent in the year 1777 was a private soldier in Captain Connors Company and was stationed most part of the time (in the neighborhood of Burgoin's Army) under Genl Gates and saw the said John DeMair in a Militia company commanded by Capt. John L Dewitt from the town of Saugerties but for what length of time deponent does not remember.

Deponent further saith that in the spring of 1781 deponent was engaged as a private soldier in the continental army and was most part of the time under the command of Colonel Marinus Willet and was stationed on the Mohawk River and its vicinity until late in the fall of said year of 1781—and the said Regiment at the same time—and believes he continued in said service for the term of eight or nine months, and knows that said John DeMair or DeMire continued until late in the fall of the same year and was duly discharged.

Deponent further saith that he was acquainted with said John before the revolutionary war, that he resided most part of the time in Ulster County—and that a few years after the revolutionary war he was married to Dean Dederick widow of John Dederick with whom deponent was well acquainted.—

That they lived together as man and wife several years and had several children, and until the day of his death which took place - - - [no date given]

That his widow the said Dean Demair ever since the death of her husband has not intermarried but still remains a widow, resides in the town of Saugerties in said County of Ulster and is the identical Dean DeMair or DeMire who is now an applicant for a pension for the Revolutionary Services of her husband the said John DeMair deceased and further this deponent saith now. (Signed with his mark) John Smith

John Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.

Letter in folder dated June 10, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of any soldiers with the surname DeMyer, DeMeyer, etc., of Philadelphia or New York City, especially James or John who, you believe, received a grant of land in Dover, Tennessee, for his Revolutionary War service.

Revolutionary War data furnished by the Veterans Administration, now the custodian of the old Pension Bureau records, are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land which have been made to the United States based upon service in that war.

Those records have been searched and the record found of one soldier, only, with the surname cited above, under any spelling, which is that of John DeMire (DeMair or Mair). His record follows as found in the papers on file in pension claim, W.19170, based on service in the Revolutionary War. Land which was located in Tennessee would not have been granted by the United States.

The date and place of birth or age of John DeMire and names of his parents were not given.

During the Revolution, John DeMire resided part of the time in Ulster County and part of the time in Albany County, New York. He enlisted in the summer of 1776 and served five months as private in Captain John L. Dewitt's New York Company, stationed near New York City, Kings Bridge and White Plains. Shortly after that tour, he enlisted and served two months stationed in New Jersey, and from the summer or fall of 1777, served one month in the same company. He enlisted in the spring of 1781, served eight or nine months as private in Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment and was in several skirmishes and battles, locations of which were not designated.

After the war, John DeMire resided in Ulster County, New York, to the time of his death March 27, 1815.

John DeMire (DeMair or Mair) married January 1, 1790, in Saugerties, Ulster County, New York, Dean or Dianna, the widow of John Dederick, whose date of death, or other details concerning him were not given. Her maiden name was Osterhoudt. The date and place of birth of Dean and names of her parents are not shown.

Dean DeMire (DeMair or Mair) applied for pension on account of the service of her husband, John, in The Revolutionary War. Her application was executed November 29, 1843, while she was living in Saugerties, New York aged eighty-seven years. Her claim was allowed. She was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church of Saugerties, New York, and died August 17, 1844.

Soldier's widow, Dean, was survived by four children, named as follows: Besse, widow of Peter Brink, Coffee, Harry and Sarah; their ages, places of residence or other details shown.

In 1843, one Deborah Osterhoudt, aged seventy-three years and a resident of Saugerties, New York, stated that the soldier, John DeMire, and his wife, Dean, were married in the house in which she then resided, but she did not state her relationship to Dean.

The following family data appear also in the claim, with no explanation of relationship to soldier or his wife, Dean:

My daughter Cathaline was born July 24, 1789, died January 5, 1792.

My daughter Sally was born October 22, 1793.

My daughter Gitty was born May 24, 1800.

My daughter Nelly was born October 8, 1802.

My daughter Deborah was born April 25, 1805.

My daughter Catharine was born March 10, 1810; died June 4, 1817.

My son, Jonathan was born November 6, 1812; died April 10, 1813.

My daughter Mariah was born November 20, 1815.

Cathaline, daughter of Mr. Jonathan and Deborah Osterhoudt.

The family data shown above were signed by one John O.L. Osterhoud, whose relationship to the others was not stated.

In 1845, reference was made to Catherine Brink, but her relationship to Besse Brink, soldier's daughter, was not given.