

Pension Application for Cornelius DeRevere

W.24057 (Widow: Sarah)

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

Personally appeared before me, Caleb Tompkins first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the said County of West Chester Samuel Youngs of the said Town of Greenburgh who being by me duly sworn did deponent say that previous to the Revolutionary War he became acquainted with Cornelius Derevere that he resided about two miles from him.

That sometime in the year 1790, the said Cornelius was married to Sarah Abrahams as the deponent was then informed that in the month of November 1776 all the American Troops having been withdrawn from that part of the said County Called the American Lines extending from TarryTown on the Hudson River eastwardly by the way of the house of Joseph Youngs to Sawpits on the East River. That the Wig [Whig] inhabitants who resided in and near those lines were left wholly undefended against the plundering parties of the British Refugees. That the Father of the deponent the said Joseph Youngs was then one of the Committee of Safety for the said County.

That Coll James Hammond then commanded the militia in that vicinity that the said Committee of safety ordered out about two hundred of said Hammonds Regt for the protection of the said Wig Inhabitants against the said plundering parties.

That these men were put under the command of a Capt Sybert Acker and other militia officers of said Hammonds Regiment about one half of those men were stationed at the houses of Peter and Cornelius VanTassell on the SawMill River road about fourteen miles from the British out parts and the other part of the said men was stationed at the house of the said Joseph Youngs where the provisions and other stores were kept that the said Cornelius DeRevere served as a soldier under the said Sybert Acker from the beginning of November 1776 until the tenth day of May 1777 when they were relieved by a regiment of Levies from the northern parts of the said county.

That in the beginning of October 1777 about 1000 British Troops landed at TarryTown about four miles west from the house of the said Joseph Youngs where a Col Luddington was then stationed with about five hundred men raised from the counties of Dutchess and WestChester. That the said British Troops immediately marched from TarryTown to attack Luddington at his quarters Luddington retreated to the Northern part of the said County. The time for which his men had been enlisted and served about the time Burgoine's Army surrendered.

That the said Wig Inhabitants were again left to defend those lines without the aid of any other troops. That about one hundred and fifty of said Hammond Regt immediately volunteered their services and were embodied under their own officers and continued to defend those lines from sometime in the latter end of October 1777 until sometime in the beginning of May 1778.

That the said Cornelius DeRevere was a soldier in that service and served faithfully during the whole of that time during which the said volunteers had several

severe conflicts with the British Refugees in one of which a Lt. Althouse of Coll Emericks Regt of British Troops made an attempt to take the battle and other stock [cattle] from the Wig Inhabitants who resided in and near the American lines. That Althouse succeeded in taking about one hundred head of Cattle and Horses and were driving them towards the British out parts when he was attacked by said volunteers of Hammond's Regt and after a conflict of about three hours succeeded in retaking all the cattle and other stock and killed or captured the said Althouse and his whole party consisting of thirty four men and his guide (his guide made his escape).

That on the first of May 1778 on Regt of Levies were raised from the Counties of Dutchess and Westchester commanded by Coll Morris Graham who on the beginning of May established his headquarters at the house of the said Joseph Youngs and the said Militia were discharged that in the month of June 1778 Genl Washington with his army arrived on those lines and continued on that station until the first part of the month of September when he moved his army into winter quarters.

That during the time that Genl Washington continued with his army on that station the soldiers of Coll Graham's Regiment enlisted into the Continual Regiments and engaged as teamsters for the Continental Army that only about seventy or eighty of his men remained who were put under the command of a Capt Daniel Williams and other officers of said Regt and who immediately took his quarters at the house of the said Joseph Youngs but as his party was deemed too weak [weak]to defend the whole of those lines.

That apart of said Hammonds Regt were again ordered out and stationed in the neighborhood of TarryTown. That on Christmas Eve Capt Williams was attacked at his quarters by the British Refugees under the command of a Major Baremore who took the horses after a severe conflict making prisoners of the said Williams, the said Joseph Youngs and a number of the soldiers of said Williams.

That about the first day of January 1779 a col. Littlefield arrived on those lines with about seven hundred Continental Troops but about the tenth day of Jany aforesaid he was relieved by Col. Aaron Burr who took his headquarters at said house of Joseph Youngs and immediately discharged the Militia.

The time of service of the said Militia was at that time at least four months. That the said Cornelius DeRevere was in the whole of that service. That the said militia of Coll Hammonds Regiment were during the command of Col Burr and major William Hull in the winter of 1779. Several times ordered out for short periods.

That in the latter end of May in that year the Continental Troops were driven from those lines by the British Troops. That the Militia of said Hammond were again ordered out and continued on and near those lines. During that summer they drew their provisions from the Continental Stores at Peekskill and Bedford in the said County and drew pay from the State of New York for the term of one year commencing sometime in the beginning of that year and ending sometime in the latter part of the spring of the year 1780 sometime after Coll Thompson had been defeated (at the house of the said Joseph Youngs where he then had his head quarters) on the third day of February 1780 when a General removal of the Wig Inhabitants from those lines took

place and said Hammonds Regt was employed in aiding and guarding them while they were removing that during some of the conflicts the said Militia had with the said British Refugees the said Cornelius DeRevere with some others were taken and suffered a large imprisonment in the British Prison the City of New york for ;more than eight months as the deponent was then informed and still believes. (Signed) Sam Youngs.

Sworn and subscribed this fifth day of April 11839 before me. Caleb Tompkins