

Pension Application for Andrew Donnan or Donnen

W.26503 (Tannahill, Grissal or Gracie-former widow)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the 3rd [?] of the Act of 4th July 1836, and of the first [?] of the Act of 3rd March 1837.

State of New York SS.

On this tenth day of July 1837 personally appeared before me Cornelius S. Comde one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Schenectada in said State Grissal or (Gracie) Tarmahill a resident of the City of Schenectada in said County aged eighty four 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, 1836 and the act passed March 3rd 1837.

That she was married to Andrew Donnan on the fifty day of May (1774) one thousand seven hundred & seventy four by the eRev'd Andrew Adair then Pastor of the church of Scotland at the town of Whiteburro.

That her said husband Andrew Donnan performed services in the war of the Revolution (they having emigrated to America shortly after their marriage and before the commencement of said war) as a militia man, but this deponent cannot remember if she ever knew the names of the militia officers under whom he served nor the particulars of such service.

This declarant can only remember that he engaged in several expeditions to divers places, and was away from home during each expedition four or five days. She thinks some of the places among others which he served at were Curries Bush & Galway in this State.

This Declarant remembers distinctly that her late husband the said Andrew Donnan served during and for the year 1777 in captain William Peters Company of Fatiguemen, & Batteaumen and laborers and for the full term of one year in said Company, as this declarant was informed at the time by her said husband and others and verily believes that the fact so to be.

But this declarant cannot specify the the [sic] places he served at nor give a more particular specification of his services while in said company of Captain William Petuso or Peters.

This declarant also knows that her said husband Andrew Donnan enlisted in the spring of the year 1779 in the Company of Fatiguemen, Batteaumen & Labourers commanded Captain Joseph Peck in the Department of the Quartermaster General and served therein as this deponent believes until the beginning of the year 1780.

And this declarant further saith, that said Andrew Donnan died on the 10th day of November 1788.

That she was afterwards married to Robert Tannahill who died on the twentieth day of December (1797) in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

That she never married again since the death of said Robert Tannahill; but that she was a widow on the fourth day of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more

fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Grissal Tannahill

Subscribed & sworn to before me, the day & year first above written. C.S. Conde, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of S'd County.

Letter in folder dated March 14, 1933 written in reply to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information relative to Andrew and Lucius (Luceus) Donan or Donnan, soldiers of the war of the Revolution.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon military service of soldiers in that war.

A search of the records fails to show such claims on file on account of the services of any Lucius (Luceus) Donan or Donna.

The data furnished below were obtained from the papers on file on pension claim, W.26503, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Andrew Donnan.

He resided from Whiteburn (?), Galwayshire, Scotland until in 1774, when he came to America. The date and places of his birth are not given, nor the names of his parents stated.

Andrew Donnan served from in 1777 about one year as private in Captain William Peter's company of New York troops; and from March 20, 1779, eight months as private in Captain Joseph Peek's company of New York troops. His service was under Henry Glen, Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General.

He married May 5, 1774 in Scotland, Grissal Gracie Donnan. She was born December 27, 1752, place not stated, nor are the names of her parents given. They were married by Reverend Andrew Adair, pastor of the Church of Scotland in Whiteburn.

The soldier Andrew Donnan, died November 10, 1788. His widow Grissal (Gracie) married, date not given, Robert Tannahill, who died December 20, 1797.

The widow, Grissal (Gracie) Tannahill, was allowed pension on account of the services of her husband, Andrew Donnan, on her application executed July 10, 1837, then a resident of Schenectady, New York.

The children of Andrew Donnan and his wife, Grissal or Gracie.

Nanny born May 24, 1775.

Elinar or Elmar born January 14, 1780.

Sarah born February 17, 1782.

James born July 6, 1784.

Catarin born May 31, 1786.

William born May 20, 1788.

The following also appears on the family record.—

John Tannahill born April 1, 1792.

Mary Tannahill born September 15, 1794.

The widow, Grissal (Gracie) Tannahill, stated that her brother, Alexander Donnan, was present at her marriage to Andrew Donnan. The said Alexander Donnan

in 1837, was seventy-six years of age and then living in Galway, Saratoga County, New York.