

### **Pension Application for Gerrit (Garret) Dubois**

W.20995 (Widow: Sarah)  
State of New York  
County of Ulster SS.

On this tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said county now sitting being a court of record having by law a clerk and a seal, Garret Dubois a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That said applicant volunteered and entered the service in April 1781, at a place called Ashocan [Ashokan or Shokan] in the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Henry Pawling (1)—Henry Van Hovenburgh first and John Van Deusen second Lieut & belonging to a regiment commanded by Col. Albert Pawling--one Benschoten (2) was Major was – was stationed at Ashocan aforesaid which was on the frontier and continually harassed by the Indians and Tories—was on frequent scouts along said frontiers up as far as Paghkatchkan in Delaware County –and said company was exposed to great danger, and were very frequently alarmed by the incursions of the said Tories and Indians—that he enlisted for the term of nine months and served till between Christmas and New Year in the said year 1781 and was then discharged at Ashocan in Marbletown afore said –received no written discharge.

And in answer to the interrogatories put to him by the Court as required by the War Department said applicant on his oath states that he was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1763 at Marbletown in Said County of Ulster and State of New York, that he lived there when he entered the service, and has lived in said town ever since the Revolution and still resides in said town—that his age is on record in the Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in Marbletown—that he volunteered in the aforesaid service—that there were no regular officers nor continental troops where he laid—that he received no written discharge, and that he can state the names of Peter A. Cantine Esq. & Abraham E. Hardenburgh—in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.—

And said Applicant would farther state that the clergyman of his neighborhood is a young man who lately settled in the congregation, and he has therefore produced in court as witnesses two, respectable inhabitants of his town viz. Peter A. Cantine and Abraham E. Hardenburgh who are well acquainted with said applicant—and also that he has as documentary proof the affidavit of Henry Van Hovenburgh his Lieut. whom he served under, and also the affidavit of Solomon Crispell who lived at the place where we laid—which are both hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Gerrit Dubois

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. Draper, first judge, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo, Judges.

State of New York  
Ulster County SS.

On this twenty first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three before me Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid personally appeared Sarah Dubois a resident of the town of Marbletown County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy six 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:--

That she is the widow of Garret Dubois who in the revolutionary [war] resided in the said town of Marbletown where he continued to reside until the day of his death.

That during said war he the said Garret Dubois was a private soldier in defence of his country for which he received a pension at the rate of twenty six dollars and sixty six cents per annum which he continued to receive until the day of his death.

She further declare[s] that she was married to the said Garret Dubois the seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty six—

That the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Goethes Clergyman of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church in the town of Marbletown.

That her maiden name previous to her marriage was Sarah Roosa and that her husband the aforesaid Garret Dubois died the sixth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty two:--

That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January in the year on thousand seven hundred and ninety four viz at the time above stated.

She further declares the annexed proof of her marriage and the certificate of pension of her dec'd husband is the only evidence she has procured to prove the same.

For proof of the services of her said husband she would respectfully refer to his declaration and proxy on file [at] the War Department under the act of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

She further declares that ever since the death of her husband she has not intermarried but remains the widow of the said Garret Dubois as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sarah Dubois

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written before me and I certify that I am personally acquainted with said Sarah Dubois and believe her deposition entitled to credit and I further certify that said applicant from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court. Jacob Snyder one of the Judges of the County Court of Ulster County.

End Notes—W.20995—Garrit Dubois

1. Captain Henry Pawling, Lieutenants Herry VanHovenburgh and John J. VanDeusen were appointed April 27, 1781 in Lieutenant – Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies.
2. Elias Van Bunschoten and Thomas DeWitt were appointed Majors on April 27, 1781 in Pawling's Regiment.