

Pension Application for John Dubois

W.2,771 (Widow: Hannah)

B.L. Wt. 254-60-55 & B. L. Wt. 7034-100 issued Dec 12, 1790. No papers.

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

Be it known that before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace duly authorized by law, to administer oaths in and for said County personally appeared Hannah Dubois, and made oath in due form of law, that she is the identical person named in an original certificate in her possession of which I certify the following is a true copy "Department of the Interior widow's Pension. I certify that in conformity with the act of July 29, 1848, Hannah Dubois widow of John Dubois, who was a private in the revolutionary war is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of ninety six dollars per annum commencing on the 4th of March 1848, and continuing for life, unless she should again marry; in which case the pension is not payable after the time of such marriage. L.S. Given at the Department of the Interior this thirteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty two. Alex H.H. Stuart, Secretary of the Interior. J.E. Heath Commissioner of Pensions.

That she has not intermarried but continues as the widow of the above mentioned John Dubois and that she now resides in the County of Dutchess and State of New York, and has resided there for the space of 86 years, her whole life. Of the truth of which statement I am fully satisfied. She now makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Lands to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd, 1855, she also declares she has never applied for nor received under this or any other act of Congress, any Bounty Lands whatsoever and that she has understood and believes that her said husband John Dubois received Bounty Lands for his services in and during said war, and that she gives reference to the papers on file in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, on which her late husband received his pension under act of 1818, and also the papers on which she obtained her own pension to prove her marriage and the services of her said husband. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Dubois.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Village of Poughkeepsie in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on Monday the twenty sixth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Present the Hon'r James Smith First Judge, Daniel Ver Plank, Abraham D. Van Wyck, Thomas Sweet Esquires, Judges.

Dutchess County SS.

Be it remembered that on the 28th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in open court that said court being a court of record for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York John Dubois aged fifty five years resident in the Town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that after the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown (1) the year not recollected by the deponent he enlisted some where in the neighbourhood of Morristown in New Jersey in a company commanded by Captain Walker (2) in the first Regiment of the New York line of the American Army commanded by Colonel VanSchaick (3) for during the war, that he served about one year and a half under his said enlistment and until he was discharged at the close of the war on the disbanding of the army at Snake Hill near Newburgh, and that his original declaration is dated the seventeenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No 1237 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, 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 those persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on 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 to me; nor have I any income other than which is contained on the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit.

Real Estate, I have none.

Personal estate wearing apparel & bedding exceptions follows

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| 1 table | 8 Barrels | Tin[?] milk cup |
| 6 Chairs | 1 Butter tub | 2 earthen pots |
| 1 spool | 2 kegs | 1 pitcher & jug |
| 1 large wheel | 3 iron kettles | Coffee mill |
| 1 small ax | 1 small brass kettle | 2 horses and [?] |
| 1 reel 1 spin wheel | 1 tea kettle | Shovel and Tongs |
| 1 [?] | 6 cups & saucers | Pr andirons |

6 knives and forks	8 plates & dishes	Frying pan griddle
6 silver teaspoons	1 saw	2 decantors
4 tin ladle spoon	1 stone [?]	1 tumbler
	[?] 1 Blackberry [?]	1 Axe

This deponent further saith that his family consists of himself, his wife aged forty nine years infirm from weakness knob in the Back that two sons aged [?] years and six years one daughter aged twenty that he is by trade a mason and when fine from the Rheumatism can do an ordinary days work for a man of his age but from the scarcity of work in his neighborhood he is unable to maintain his family without assistance (Signed with his mark) John Dubois

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 28th day of Jun 1820. W. H. Bulkley Dep clerk

Births

John Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1764, Jan the 14th

Mary Dubois his wife was born in the year of our Lord 1769 August the 22d.

Martin Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1786 July the 17th

Sarah Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1789, Jan the 2d.

Stephen Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1792 Dec. the 16th

Hannah Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1770 Nov. the 16th [sic second wife]

William Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1795 April the 15th

Walter Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1797 Jan the 16th

Elisa Dubois was born in the year of our Lord 1799 August the 29th

John Dubois Junr was born in the year of our Lord 1802 July the 26th.

At a Surrogates Court held in and for the County of Dutchess and State of New York at the office of the Surrogate in Poughkeepsie on the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1849, the same being a court of Record.

Personally appeared Hannah Dubois a resident of the County of Dutchess in the said state aged 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law in open court, and on her oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of John Dubois who was in the receipt of pensions under the laws of 1818 at the rate of ninety-six dollars a year. She further declares that she was married to the said John Dubois on the 9th day of November in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Ninety three by Rev. Mr. Baldwin, in the town of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Dutchess, in the State of New York, and that her husband the said John Dubois died on the 13th day of February 1842 in the Town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess, in the State of New York and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety five, viz, at the time above stated, November 9th 1793.

She further declares that she was the mother of six children by the said John Dubois her lawful husband, to wit, William Dubois, Walter Dubois, Eliza B. Dubois, John Dubois Jr., Charles Dubois and Samuel Dubois all of whom were baptized except William Dubois at the Presbyterian Church in said town of Pleasant Valley in said County of Dutchess and State of New York. That said William was born April 15, 1795, Walter, January 16, 1797, Eliza B. August 29, 1799, John Dubois Junior, July 26, 1802, Charles February 19, 1810, Samuel January 19, 1814; that the oldest child the said William died while an infant, aged about five months—That since the death of her said husband she has not been married and still continues his widow. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Dubois

Sworn and subscribed by making her mark this 3rd day of October 1849, before me. Jno. P. H. Tallman, Surrogate.

End Notes—W.2771—John Dubois

1. The Yorktown, Va. Campaign was from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
2. John enlisted as a private in Captain Benjamin Walker's Fourth Company on September 15, 1781 in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment.
3. Goose VanSchaick was the Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment. John is mistaken about being part of this regiment. The two regiments were stationed in and around West Point in 1782 and in 1783 at the New Windsor Cantonment near Newburgh, New York.