

Pension Application for William Dutcher

W.15831 Catharine, widow.

Daniel (Son)

Oct 11, 1851.

Sir, In the case of Catharine Dutcher dec'd widow of William Dutcher under the Act of July 4th 1836, I would call your attention to the following facts.

Christiana Romer widow of Hendrick Romer a pensioner on the New York roll under the Act of 4th July 1836, No. 1864 testifies that "*she lived about two miles from the residence of the said Catharine & William Dutcher in Greensburgh, and knew them to live as man and wife, and were so always reputed, during the said war, and several years before. That she was well acquainted with said William Dutcher, and knew that he served as a Captain during the Revolutionary War.*"

In the case of Christiana Romer, Cornelius Van Warmer, testified that Hendrick Romer served under Captain Dutcher's Company in 1776 for 6 months. Van Warmer says, that he "*Well remembers that the said Hendrick was in the year 1776 a soldier in Captain William Dutcher's Company and stationed at Fort Independence near Kings Bridge in the said County, and the term of service in said Dutcher's Company was 6 months.*"

George Youngs a witness in the case of Christiana Romer, testifies, "*That said [??] in the latter part of the year 1775, he became acquainted with Hendrick Romer, who was then a private in Capt. Dutcher's Company, that the said Company was raised by order of the provincial Congress of the colony [?] the State of New York as this deponent was then informed and still believes and has under the direction of the Committee of Safety of the said County. That the deponents father was a member of that Committee, and the deponent also well remembers, that the said Cap Dutcher's Company was frequently called out in the summer and fall of the year 1775 to aid the said Committee in disarming the tories who resided in said County. That in the month of July 1776 two British ships, viz, the Phoenix & Rose passed the American Batteries at New York, and came up the Hudson River and anchored opposite Tarrytown. That the militia of Col. Hammonds Regt was immediately ordered out and Stationed on the bank of the Hudson River. That the deponent was in that service, that he Romer then belonged to Cap Dutcher's Compy & that the company was not discharged in Nov 1776 & was incorporated in other companies". The office allows 6 months service in Cap Dutcher's Co.*

Cap Dutcher was commissioned Captain 13th September 1775 (See certificate See State of N.Y.) Dutcher belonged to Hammond's Regt & Youngs evidence claims this Regt of have been in service more than two years.

We ask a re-examination of the case, and from the references, I have made, I do not think that less than one year's service can be [?] Resp Evans & Stand.

Letter in folder dated May 1, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are shown in the papers on file in pension claim, W. 15831, based upon service of William Dutcher in the Revolutionary War.

William Dutcher resided in Phillipsburg, Westchester County, New York, at the beginning of the Revolutionary War; his age and the names of his parents are not shown.

William Dutcher was appointed September 13, 1775, Captain of the Associated Company in the Upper part of said Philippsburg, served in Colonels Thomas' and James Hammond's Regiments in the New York Militia, in 1775, 1776 and 1777, amounting in all to about eighteen months. During the period of his service, he was engaged in the vicinity of Tarrytown, White Plains, and along the Hudson River. It was stated that his home was burned by the British while he was stationed at Tarrytown.

This officer died October 13, 1794 at his home in Greensburgh, Westchester County, New York.

William Dutcher married in 1766, in Tappan, Rockland County, New York, Catharine Conklin; her age and the names of her parents are not shown. She died July 11, 1837, in Greensburgh, New York.

William Dutcher and his wife, Catharine, had two daughters and five sons, three of whom were born before the Revolutionary War; the only name shown is that of Daniel Dutcher, who was their only surviving child in 1851.

This son Dutcher applied April 23, 1851 for the pension which was due his mother as the widow of Captain William Dutcher. Pension was allowed. In 1851, Daniel Dutcher resided in Greensburgh, New York, which had been his home ever since his birth; he gave his age then as sixty-five years.

When Daniel Dutcher made application for pension in 1851, Letty Dutcher was present, also, one Hannah Taxter; no relationship of either one to said Daniel's family was stated.