

Pension Application for William Dyckman

S.29130

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this first day of December 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, now sitting William Dyckman, a resident in the town of Clay, in said County, aged 71 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 in the fall of the year 1777, he then being not fifteen years of age, the British Army being expected to sail up the Hudson river, the militia of the now county of Rockland was directed to go to Haverstraw, in said county to guard at that place and he volunteered his services about the first of October of that year, in a company commanded by Capt. Hendrick Tenure, in Col'm A. Hawkes Hay's Regiment and was stationed around about Stony Point and served until the British Army returned to New York after they had taken Fort Montgomery, which was some time in the month of November having served one full month, in actual duty in the field.

That early in the Spring of the year 1778 he again, to aid in guarding the Shores and landing places along the Hudson River, volunteered his service, and served one week in each and every four weeks, in Company and Regiment aforesaid doing guard duty, at [Nanuwit Meadow?] at Sickletown, at Clarkstown, at Selvalenburg, Closter and along the North river at Nyack and served until winter and served not less than two months, in weekly tours, of actual duty in the field.

That early in the spring of the year 1779, he then having passed sixteen years of age, being than bound to do military duty, he was classed with the rest of the men belonging to Col. Tenure's company and served one week in each and every four weeks, doing guard duty at the long and short [?] at Haverstraw all near Stony Point and along the North River from Haverstraw to Sneitens Landing and served not less than two months in weekly tours in the field, the guards being regularly kept up until some time in the month of December of that year.

That early in the spring of the year 1780, he was again ordered out to perform his regular tours of guard duty and served until the month of July, in the company and regiment aforesaid at difference station along the North River and at Clarkstown, and served not less than one month on weekly tours, in actual duty in the field.

That in the month of July 1780, and near of the first of the month he enlisted in the new town of Clarkstown, in the county of Rockland and State of New York for three months, in a company commanded by Capt. Jonathan Lawrence, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n Dubois and sometime after his enlistment he went with the company first to Albany, then to the Mohawk River, then to Fort Plain, then to Fort Stanwick, then after several [?] around returned to Fort Plain, and while there the three months services expired, and the enemy being near that place by the solicitation

of his officers, he volunteered to remain with his officers, after which time there was an engagement beteen [between] a part of his regiment and the British and Indians, when many of the enemy was taken prisoners to Poughkeepsing [Poughkeepsie] where they were left and he was there discharged some time in the month of November having served in that campain [campaign] full four months actual duty in the field and garrison.

That early in the Spring of the year 1781, he was again ordered out in Capt. Tenures company aforesaid, to preform his tours of guard duty as aforesaid and served therein until the beginning of Winter, guarding along the North River at Nyack at Tappan Town, and at Clarkstown and served not less than two months in weekly tours, in actual duty in the field.

That in the spring of the year 1782, he was again called upon to perform his regular tours of guard duty, and served until the month of September (that being as late as the regular guards was kep [kept] had to guard at times after that served until peace was declared, but the duty not being regular he is unable after the laps [lapse] of so many years with the presision [precision] to set them forth) and served not less than one month in weekly tours, guarding at the aforesaid stations, in actual duty in the field.

That he performed considerable other duty on alarms by 1-2-3 & 4 days at a time, but is now unable with any certainty to state how much if put together claims to be allowed for the Thirteen months services above set forth.

That during the time the above recited services was performed, he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

That he was born on New York Island on the ninth day of December A.D. 1762.

That the only record of his age that was kept to his knowledge is the one kept by his father in the family Bible, from which he has learned his age, which is now at York Island.

That at the time he was called into the service he resided in the then county of Orange now Rockland County in the State of New York, where he resided until the spring of the year 1784, when he again removed back to York Island and resided there about fifteen years, he then removed to Rensselaer [Rensselaer] County and resided there about five years, he then removed to his present residence in the County of Onondaga, where he has ever since resided.—

That his services was rendered voluntarily and agreeable to the Classification of the company to which he belonged.

That Gen'l Washington, Clinton, Putman, Wayn [Wayne?] and others were at times with the troops in which he served.

That he never received a written discharge for any of his services to the best of his recollection. That no Clergyman resides near.

That Henry Case and Gersham Hinkley of the Town of Salina are persons to whom he is known residing in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes very 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.

And the accompanying affidavits is all the testimony he is now able to officer to prove his services, as nearly all of his fellow soldiers, that served with him in the Revolutionary War have departed his life. (Signed) William Dyckman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.L. Hess, Clerk of Onondaga County.

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1910, written in response to an inquiry.

Hon. George C. Perkins, United States Senate.

My Dear Senator:

In reply to your letter dated the 19th instant and received this day, I have the honor to advise you that William Dyckman, Sur. File No. 29130, Rev. War, was allowed pension on his application executed December 1, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Clay, Onondaga County, New York.

He stated that he was born December 1, 1762, on New York Island and was a resident of Orange County, New York where he served in the New York troops as follows;

Volunteered about the first of October 1777, in Captain Hendrick Tenure's Company, Colonel Ann Hawk Hay's regiment; one month.

In 1778, in same company and regiment; two months.

In 1779, in same company and regiment; two months.

Spring of 1780, same company and regiment; one month.

July, 1780, Captain John Lawrence's company, Colonel Dubois' regiment; four months.

1781, in Captain Tenure's company, two months.

1782, Officers not stated; one month.

Prior to September 10, 1839, he removed to VanBuren County, Michigan to reside with his son Evert B. Dyckman.

There is no further family data on file.