

Pension Application for William N. Dyckman

W.24871 (Widow: Rebecca)

I, Benjamin Dyckman of Cortlandt Town –County of WestChester and State of New York do hereby certify as follows;

In the summer of 1777, Wm.N. Dyckman of the aforesaid place at that time, actually done the duty of a soldier. In defence of the United States under me—I was then Lieutenant Commandant of a ;company of Militia in Colonel Samuel Drakes Regiment, and on duty as follows guarding along the Hudson River, against the British shipping that year, in the river at that time—the time of service in the aforesaid year was four months or more, and our Rendezvous was at my house about two miles, below Verplanks Point—and about one quarter of a mile from the river; and in year 1778 the aforesaid Dyckman Continued in duty under me, at Pine Bridge—Along Croton River and also—along the Hudson River and we being informed of the British landing at Tellers Point. I provided [?] – Captured the Boat but the men made their escape, said Dyckman was [?] enemy came up the next day with a large force—landed of Haverstraw and Stoney Point and the [??] being informed by a company of Continental troops, and the next day the enemy went down the river—and the above mentioned Wm. N. Dyckman did military duty this season, three months or or more—and in the year 1779.

The British shipping came up the first part of the river in April, then I called my company on duty and we was annoyed constantly day and night by the enemy until the first of June. The enemy frequently landing and the British Army also landed at Teller's Point about the first of June—and we retreated Crumpond, the same day and also the British took possession of Verplant's Point and we joined the Redgiment at Crompond the next day and a few days after the Redgiment was surprised by the British light hourse at Cru;mpond, and a number of our men killed was [?] and made prisoners, after days afterwards the Redgiment was formed by order of Gov'r Clinton, and the aforesaid Wm. N. Dyckman Continued in actual service for the term of eight months.

I first swear and say that I am eighty years of age and rising. (Signed with his mark) Benj'm Dyckman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of March 1833. Robert McCord, Justice of the Peace.