

**Pension Application for Andrew Hermance or Hermans or Heermance**

W.18116 ((Former Widow, Maria Ten Broeck) Married June 20, 1778, Andrew died August 14, 1818 in Troy, NY from inflammation of the lungs.) She married Anthony TenBroeck on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1823 and TenBroeck died 13 October 1832.

State of New York

Columbia County

City of Hudson SS.

The further declaration of Maria Ten Broeck who was the disown of Andrew Heermance made in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836.

On this seventh day of September 1838 personally appeared before me Darius Peck Recorder of the City of Hudson & presiding judge of the Mayor's Court of said City of Hudson & Presiding Judge of the Mayor's Court of said City Maria Ten Broeck a resident of the City of Hudson in said County & State aged eighty one years the 14<sup>th</sup> of August last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following further declaration for the purpose above mentioned.

That she recollects the day of her marriage with Andrew Heermance, lit was the twentieth day of June 1778 that she was married at Red Hook in the County of Dutchess by the Rev. Archibald Laidley a minister of the Reformed Dutch Church who had had charge of a church in the City of New York but had been compelled to leave the city in Consequence of the war & was then temporarily residing and occasionally preaching at Red Hook but had charge of no church there at the time of the marriage. He was then residing with his brother in law Mr. Hoffman who was an intimate acquaintance of Andrew Hermance.

That she received no certificate of her marriage but an entry of her marriage was made in the family bible of her father Peter Heermance that she does not know where that bible is but believes it is lost or destroyed.

At the time she was married to Andrew Heermance he was a captain as she understood in Graham's Regiment of New York Militia

That from the time of her marriage in June 1778 until the next may she & her husband made it their home at the house of her father Peter Heermance. During that time military operations were going on but she does not recollect of any particular military service of her husband Andrew Heermance. For the next three years they resided in a house & kept house near her father's. That int he summer of 1779 soon after they commenced housekeeping her husband began to be employed under Colonel Andrew Bostwick as assistant or Deputy Company in procuring hay and grain for the army, that she recollects in particular his being engaged on New Years day following in [pressing?] hay that the supplies were generally sent to Fishkill & sometimes to Peekskill & she remembers that her husband went several times himself to Peekskill with hay & grain.

That her husband was frequently engaged in raising men & pursuing the tories but she does not recollect of his being in actual service with his company but once after they were married & this was as she thinks in the spring after they began

keeping house & according to her recollection he was absent about three months at Fishkill Peekskill & West Point.

She recollects he once came home on a furlough for two weeks. During the whole of the residue of the time until the close of the war her husband acted as company under Col. Bostwick that she recollects his getting rolls of Continental money in sheets from Col. Bostwick at Fishkill to pay for supplies.

He sometimes borrowed hard money from Mr. Goldsborough Banyar which he afterwards replaced to Banyar. Until the end of the war her husband was in no other business but that of commissary except serving with his company about three months as above stated & his duties as Commissary occupied his whole time.

Previous to her marriage she knew her husband from infancy, we were cousins, and our father's farms joined each other & she know[s] he was in service before her marriage with him & the nine months mentioned in her former declaration was intended to refer to his service before the marriage, now long that service was or in what capacity she does not recollect.

She has some recollection of his taking flour to Saratoga before the capture of Burgoyne. She recollects of hearing her husband say that he had to drive through the river at Waterford & that they had great difficulty in saving the flour from injury by the water.

That the commission as Captain & other original documents annexed to her former declaration were collected together by her husband about two weeks before his death which took place in August 1818 with the view of applying for a pension under the act of Congress then lately passed. She has no doubt that many other original papers of her husband had been previously lost or destroyed. (Signed) Maria TenBroeck

Sworn to & Subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Darius Peck, Recorder of Hudson.