

Pension Application for Matthew H. Jansen

W.16306 (Widow: Judith or Judica) Married February 14, 1786. Matthew died June 13, 1834.

State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

On this fourth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Tompkins aforesaid now sitting Matthew H. Jansen a resident of the town of Caroline in the County of Tompkins and State of New York aged sixty eight years on the 17th day of December last 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 7th 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States on the first day of April 1782 as a volunteer for a class in the militia and served until the first day of January 1783 a period of nine months in the company of Captain Livingston, and Cornelius Dubois was a lieutenant & John Dubois, ensign of said company in the Regiment of Colonel George Wissenfelt.

This declarant first rendezvoused & passed muster at Rochester in the County of Ulster in the State of New York under Lieutenant William Nottingham and was from thence marched to the house of Moses Depuy in Warwasing in the County & State aforesaid by said Nottingham where he staid between one & two weeks and was then marched to the house of Samuel Mowers in Marbletown in said county where he was placed in the company of Captain Livingston. He staid there about three weeks and was then detached to the town of Hurley in said county under the command of Lieutenant Cornelius Dubois.

This declarant does not recollect how long he remained at Hurley but thinks it was two or three months and was then sent under Lieutenant John Finch to fort Asshococon in the said town of Marbletown.

He staid two or three months at Asshococon and then marched west under Lieutenant Finch who commanded twenty volunteers to Poughketocon on the Delaware river—Soon after the party arrived there it took four horses which had been left by the enemy and a few days after while out on a scouting party we discovered two men who belonged to the enemy one of whom named Nicholas Shaver was wounded and taken prisoner by us and the other escaped having his pack behind him.

We then returned to fort Asshococon having been absent about tenor twelve days and thence marched to the head Quarters of Col. Wissenfelt at Stone Ridge in Marbletown to whom we delivered the said prisoner and then returned to fort Asshococon whence we marched in a short time to the Quarters of Capt. Livingston in Marbletown and were discharged in two or three weeks after on the first day of January 1783.

This declarant was born in the town of Marbletown aforesaid, on the 17th December 1763 (according to his computation) supposing himself to have been 68 years old last December as he has always understood his age to be since he can remember & according to a record of his age which he copied from a record made by

his father which record which this declarant has is in his Bible and is in the town of Caroline aforesaid where declarant resides.

When called into the service declarant was living in the said town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster & State of New York and I continued to reside there about ten or twelve years after the close of the war, when declarant removed to the town of Rochester in the same County and continued there until about the year 1801 when he removed to the said town of Caroline in the County of Tompkins & State of new York where he has ever since resided & still resides.

I entered into the service as a volunteer for a class as already stated above.

There was no regiment of regulars nor militia other than the said regiment of Col. Wissenfelt at the places where this declarant performed duty as aforesaid and this declarant does not recollect the name of any officer other than those he has named.

The regiment of Colonel Wissenfelt had but partly assembled or rendezvoused when declarant was detached to fort Hurley as aforesaid and was not afterwards in service with the whole regiment so as to become acquainted with the officers of other companies.

Declarant had no written discharge and he refers [to] John Cantine Esquire of Ithaca, John Robinson, Joseph Chambers, James McMasters, James Personius, Levi Slater (Postmaster, Slatersville in the town of Caroline) Oakley Bush & Garrett Mandeville all of the said town of Caroline (except McMaster, who resides in Dryden) who can testify as to deponent's character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, and of his general reputation of having been such a soldier.

Declarant further saith that the clergyman residing nearest to him is the reverend Mr. Wack who has resided there but four or five months and with whom declarant is not much acquainted.

He this declarant hereby relinquishes every 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 he knows of no person residing in this part of the country whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his actual service—and whether there be any residing in or about the county of Ulster which is a distance of about one hundred & fifty miles from the present residence of declarant he knows not; and the said Declarant also knows John Jas. Speed & David Quigg, who can testify as to Declarant's character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Matthew H. Jansen

Subscribed and sworn the day & year aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated September 8, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim W.16306, based upon the military service in that war of Matthew H. Jansen.

Matthew H. Jansen, the son of Hendrickus, was born December 17, 1763, in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; the name of his mother is not shown.

While residing in said Marbletown, Matthew H. Jansen volunteered April 1, 1782, served as a private in Captain Gilbert Livingston's Company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment; the company was broken up into squads, and soldier was detailed and served under Lieutenant Cornelius Dubois and Lieutenant John Finch at different stations on the frontier and was out against the Tories until January 1, 1783, when he was discharged by Captain Livingston. It was stated that he had had previous service but no details are given.

After the Revolution, he continued to reside in Ulster County, New York for ten or twelve years; then moved to Rochester, in same county, and lived until 1801, then moved to Caroline, Tompkins County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 4, 1832, while residing in Caroline, New York.

He died at said Caroline, June 13, 1834.

The soldier married February 14, 1796, Judith Heermance. The y were married at the house of Matthew La Favor or LeFever in New Platz, Ulster County, New York. The date and place of her birth and the names of her parents are not stated.

Soldier's widow, Judith, was allowed pension on her application executed October 3, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-two years and resided in Caroline, New York.

The names of two children are shown: Maria Jansen, born July 22, 1792, as shown by a copy of the baptismal record of the Reformed Dutch Church, of Rochester, New York; and Thomas H. Jansen, date of birth not given, living in Caroline, New York, in 1840.

In 1838, the widow's brother John Heermance, was aged sixty years and resided in Caroline, New York.