

Pension Application for Dickinson Jencks

W.20177 (Widow: Susannah)

State of New York

County of Steuben SS.

On this 20th day of June 1820, personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for said County, Dickinson Jenks, aged sixty six years, resident in the Town of Cohocton in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows; to wit, That I served one year in the company commanded by Captain Curtiss in the second regiment commanded by Col. VanSchoyck of the New York Line on the Continental Establishment as by my original declaration bearing date on the sixth day of May 1818, will more fully appear; and that I have received a pension certificate from the office of the secretary at war which is numbered 2,695, and that said certificate was allowed me under the act of Congress passed the 18th of March 1818, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war", and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war", passed on the 18th of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, and by me subscribed.

Schedule

I have no real estate whatever.

Personal estate, one cow, one pair of oxen, an account of which there is due to the person from whom I have used them, forty six dollars, four hogs, one old common table, six common chairs, one iron tea kettle, one five pail kettle, one small pot, one back kettle, 1 trammel, 3 axes, 6 earthen plates, 6 tea cups & saucers, (earthen) 6 iron spoons, one pine chest, 4 or 5 knives and forks, one not against Jesse Baker payable in grain on which their remains due about sixteen dollars, one old wool skinny wheel some old linen DO.

There is due from me to different persons besides what is above stated to be due on account of my oxen, about twenty five dollars, I have not sufficient wearing apparel & bedding to make me and my family comfortable, my occupation was originally that of a carpenter, but I have abandoned it for four or five years past, on account of my inability to pursue it, my family at present consists of six besides myself, as follows: to wit; my wife Susannah aged sixty one years, Sarah Jenks my daughter aged forth years or thereabouts, Charles Jenks, my son, aged twenty one years, Dickinson Jenks, also my son aged eighteen years, Susannah Jenks, my daughter aged about seventeen years, Lory Jenks, my son aged fourteen years, my said daughter Sarah is supposed to be languishing under consumption, and is now,

and has been for a number of years past totally unable to do any thing to support herself, and depends entirely upon me for a living—my wife is able to labour moderately about half of the time, being afflicted with the Rheumatism; my said son are able on an average to support themselves—as also my said daughter Susannah. (Signed) Dickinson Jenks

Sworn to and declaration the 20th day of June 1820 before me, Edward Howell, Clerk of Steuben Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated May 14, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

In compliance with your request of May 11, you are furnished herein the Revolutionary War record of Dickinson Jencks, as found in papers on file in pension claim, W.20177, based upon his service in that war.

The date and place of birth of Dickinson Jencks were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

Dickinson Jencks enlisted in Litchfield, Connecticut, in the month of January 1776, served as a private in Captain Curtiss' company, and in Colonel G. VanSchaick's New York regiment, length of service one year.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 6, 1818, at which time he was sixty-four years of age and living in Cohocton, Steuben County, New York.

He was living in Sparta, Livingston County, New York in 1835, having lived there about ten years. He died in Sparta, February 20, 1836.

Dickinson Jencks married July 20, 1777 in Pownal, Bennington County, Vermont, Susannah, her maiden name not designated. One Enfield Wilson of Cohocton, New York, in 1837, stated that she was present at the marriage of Susannah Jencks and Dickinson Jencks.

The widow, Susannah Jencks, was allowed pension on her application executed March 9, 1839, then living in Sparta, New York, and aged seventy-nine years. She died here, August 20, 1847.

Their children referred to are: Sarah born March 14, 1778; Martha born February 3, 1780; in 1820 the following children were aged—Charles, twenty-one years; Dickinson, eighteen years, and in 1853 a resident of Allegany County, New York; Susannah, seventeen years; Lory (a son), fourteen years, and in 1852 living in Wayland, Steuben County, New York.

Hiram Jencks, one of the grandchildren of the soldier, Dickinson Jencks and his wife, Susannah, was living in 1839 in Sparta, New York.

John Jencks in Adams County, Wisconsin in 1856, stated that he was an heir of the soldier. Jehiel Jancks was living in Sparta, New York in 1837. Their relationship to the family not stated.