

Pension Application for Daniel Onderdonk

W.21869 (Widow: Maria) Maria Conklin married Daniel Onderdonk in November 1775. Daniel died July 26, 1828. Maria died September 30, 1838. Surviving Children: Garret D. Onderdonk, Jacob Onderdonk, Daniel Onderdonk, Hester wife of Tunis Smith, Adrian Onderdonk, and Albert Onderdonk.

State of New York

Rockland county SS.

On this eighth day of October 1840 personally appeared before the Honorable Charles H. [Ruggets?] Circuit Judge of the second circuit district in the State of New York, at a Court of Oyer and Terminor held in and for said County Garret D. Onderdonk, Jacob Onderdonk, Daniel Onderdonk, Hester wife of Tunis Smith, Adrian Onderdonk, and Albert Onderdonk, all residents of the town of Orange, in said county, who, being all first duly sworn according to law, do on their oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836.

That they are the only surviving children of Maria Onderdonk, late of the town of Orange aforesaid, who was the widow of Daniel Onderdonk, who was Ensign and Lieutenant first commanded by Col'n Abraham Lent, next by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay and last by Lieut Col'n Johannes Bell.

That the said Daniel Onderdonk, in the month of July 1776, then being Ensign under Capt Johannes Bell, about the tenth of said month, (the British having sailed up the Hudson river and anchored in Tappan Bay) was ordered by his said Capt to take charge of the men composing his company as Ensign, the men being ordered out to guard along the west short of said river, from the Sloat to Nyack, to prevent the enemy landing to plunder, and continued with said men, guarding along said River for one month; and after the expiration of said month did continue to serve as Ensign at different tours, until the year 1780, but the said Daniel Onderdonk having long since died, and the deponents having no personal knowledge of the services rendered by the said Daniel Onderdonk, they are unable to set forth under oath the particulars as to the time or length of each tour—

That in the year the said Daniel Onderdonk did serve in said company as Lieutenant. That at this late period when nearly all the soldiers who served in the War of the Revolution have died, it is not possible to prove the services rendered by the Old Soldiers, as is required to be done, or but very little thereof; and the said Maria Onderdonk, after the passing of the said act, and before her death, was anxious to present her claim, but from all the witnesses she could find she was unable to prove six months services not then knowing of the record of which the certificate of the comptroller is an abstract, and your deponent now claims to be allowed for the one month service rendered commencing in July 1776, and those rendered in 1778, 1779, and 1780, as described in the said Certificate of the comptroller of the State of New York lately discovered.

And your aforesaid deponents do further declare, that their mother, the said Maria Onderdonk (whose maiden name was Conklin) was married to the said Daniel

Onderdonk by the Rev'd Samuel Verbryck in the month of November seventeen hundred and seventy five, according to the best information they can obtain thereof, they have not been able to find any record thereof, and believe there is none, and have to make out the time from the age of the oldest child, and that the said Daniel Onderdonk died on the twenty sixth day of July eighteen hundred and twenty eight; and that having remained a widow from the time of the decease of the said Daniel Onderdonk, until her death as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto and to the former papers annexed.

(Signed) Garret D. Onderdonk, Jacob Onderdonk, Daniel Onderdonk, Hester wife of Tunis Smith, Adrian Onderdonk, and Albert Onderdonk

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open court. Abm Hogenkamp, Clerk of said Court.