

### **Pension Application for Jacob Onderdonk**

W.17525 (Anne Remsen, former widow) Anne DeClark married Jacob December 1, 1765. Jacob died May 19, 1795.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of September 1837, personally appeared before me Abraham B. Stephens, one of the Judges in and for said county, Anne Remsen, widow of Johannes Remsen and formerly the widow of Capt Jacob Onderdonk, whose maiden name was Anne DeClark, a resident of the town of Clarkstown in said County aged ninety one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3d 1837.

That she was married to Jacob Onderdonk, who was capt of a company of Militia in Coln A. Hawkes Hays Regiment, and served during the Revolutionary war as follows. That early in the month of July in the year 1776, she recollects it was the time of cutting the Rye harvest, the British having sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Beys [bays], the said Capt. Was ordered to order out his company and march the same to the said river and guard along the shoars [shores] thereof, at such places as he should find most needful, to prevent the landing of the enemy, and agreeable to the said order her said husband did order out his company and guarded along the said river at Harvestraw as far up the same as stony point and at the short clove, and was out until in the winter or late in the month of December, excep[t] at different times he would come home, and stay a day or part of a day or a night at a time, and absent from home and she believes on duty for not less than four months.

That in the year 1777, her said husband was out on duty as aforesaid a great part of the time, sometimes for a month at a time, and sometimes for more than a month, and as he informed her was commanding the guards stationed along the river at Haverstraw, or at the Long or Short Cloves, or at Nyack or at Clarkstown, a small village so called, and was absent at times from very early in the Spring until the end of the year and not less than three months in different tours.

That in the year 1778 her husband was from home and as her informed her on duty as aforesaid, commanding the guards stationed at one or the other of the above named stations, or in the State of Ne Jersey, at a place called the Devas Bruegh or at Closter or the Liberty pole, as in the early part of the month of September of that year, the British army under Lord Cornwallis and came out of New York marching thourgh a great part of the County of Bergen in said state, and the town of orange, in the now county of Rockland, and in some of their light horse came up as far as Clarkstown, the whole of Col'n Hays regiment was ordered out to approve them, when all that could be spared from the guards that is was necessary to keep along the said river had to march to oppose the said army, and her husband did also go and sometime in the month of October with the aid of Genl McDugals – Troops caused them to retreat into

New York when she believes her said husband was absent for not less than one month, and continued to serve at times until the end of the year and is confident that he served not less than three months and believes she might in truth say four months, if the time was reconed [reckoned] that he was absent from home.

That in the year 1779 her said husband served as aforesaid from early in the spring until December, but nearly all his services was rendered at Haverstraw, especially from the last of May until the first of November, during the time the British army was at Stony Point, during which time her said husband was absent from home full one half of his time, and is confident that he served not less than three month, in different tours.

That in the year 1780, her said husband served as aforesaid from the first of Pail until the first of December, commanding guards stationed along the river at Haverstraw and Nyack, and at Clarkstown, Tappantown and the Long and Short Cloves, and served not less than two months in different Towns.

That in the year 1781, her said husband served in duty and stations as aforesaid and served not less than two months in different tours.

That In the year 1782 her said husband was out as aforesaid at different times, and she believes that he served not less than one month [can't read a full line] during the said war is derived from the length of time he was from home, as far as her present recollection now enables her to set them forth, and the stations from the information received from him.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Jacob Onderdonk by the Revd Samuel Verbryck on the first day of December in the year seventeen hundred and sixty five; that her husband the aforesaid Jacob Onderdonk, died on the nineteenth day of May seventeen hundred and ninety five, that she was afterwards married to Johannes Remsen, who died on the thirteenth day of December in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen; and that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Anne Remsen

Sworn to, and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Abm B. Stephens, Judge