

Pension Application for John or Johannes Perry, or Perey, or Pare

R.8129 (Widow: Elizabeth)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Third Section of The act of Congress of the 4th July 1836—

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me S. Nicholas—one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for said County Elizabeth Perry or Pare a resident of the town of Athens County of Greene and State of New York aged eighty two 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 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of John Perry who in the Dutch language was commonly called Johannes Paine & who in the revolutionary war resided in the same town where she now lives, it was then it the town of Coxakie [Coxsackie].

That from her own recollection and from the frequent declaration of her husband in his lifetime her husband the said John Perry or Pare was more or less every year from the commencement to the conclusion of the revolution as a private soldier and that he performed his full proportion of Military duty as such which is positive would in all amount to more that [than] twelve months as a private soldier.

She further declares that owing to the length of time since the death of her husband and and [sic] the consequent loss of memory—and that she knows of none living to strengthen her recollection except John Out whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

She will however endeavor to give a new particulars which according to the best of her knowledge and belief is as follows.

Her husband the said John belonged to Colonel Anthony Van Bergens Regiment of Militia under whose officers he frequently was called out. The first time of which she has anu recollection he was drafted for three months under Capt. Witbeck or Benjamin Dubois of the same regiment and was ordered out with said company up the Hudson River to Saratoga or Stillwater where the American Army was embodied and remained there untill after the Surrender of Burgoins Army and was discharged and returned home late in the fall of the same year.

She further declares that he afterwards was frequently out on a shorter or longer tour of duty sometimes as a guard to protect the frontier of his sown or neighboring counties also up and down the Hudson river, and was often drafted and placed under the command of other officers and at one she believes he served two or three months under a Captain by the name of Hopkins—and that they were stationed at or near a place called Fishkill in Dutchess County where he remained untill he was discharged late in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine the same year she was married in—

She further declares that her husband the said John Perry was frequently called out on alarms for short periods under different officers of the Regiment to which he belonged but mostly under the command of Captain Witbeck and Dubois and were either scouting or stationed for the defense of the frontier of Albany County (now Greene) untill discharged, but how long each tour does not know.

She further declares that she believes the last time her husband the said John Perry was out for the term of four or five months—at which time he was a substitute or volunteered out of a class and was placed under the command of an officers by the name of Wysevelt and was stationed on the frontier until discharged that during said time he was from home her oldest child was born and was baptized a few days after his return home and was named Nicholas.

She further declares that she is unable to give any particulars except those already stated—which may not be correct as to names of officers—but she is however satisfied that he husband the said John Perry during the revolutionary war served as a soldier not less than the already mentioned period of twelve months.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Perry the fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

That the ceremony was performed by the Reverend John Schuneman Clergyman of the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church.

That her maiden name previous to her marriage was Elizabeth Buskirk.

And that her husband the said John Perry or Parie died twenty eight day or March in the year one thousand eight hundred and five and that she has ever since remained and is still the widow of the said John Perry or Parie as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she has no documentary evidence neither does she know of any living witness to prove her statement except those hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Perry.

Sworn to and Subscribed on the day and yea aforesaid before me; and I do further certify that said applicant from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court. S. Nichols one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County of Greene.