

Pension Application for John Shannon

W.15942 (Widow, Elizabeth Schermerhorn, resident of Duanesburgh, in 1838 she was 81 years of age. Married John July 4, 1781, in Schenectada by the Reverend Barent Vrooman who was Pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church. John died May 4, 1822.)

Corporal & Sergeant, Captain Othout [Oothout], Col. Wemple

State of New York

County of Schenectada SS.

Cornelius L. Van Santvoord of the City of Schenectada in said County, aged eighty-one years and upwards, being duly sworn so depose & say that I am a pensioner of the United States under the act of 7th June 1832. That I was during war of the revolution well acquainted with John Shannon, whose widow is now an applicant for a pension under the act of 7th July 1838.

That said John Shannon was enrolled in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Abraham Oothout in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Wemple in the District of Schenectada in the fall of the year 1775, and I was at the same time chosen an Ensign in said Company.

That said John Shannon marched with me to Fort Edward in the fall of the year 1776 & from thence to Fort Ann and Skenesborough, and that we were out in this expedition three weeks. The said John Shannon also marched with me in the summer of the year 1777 to Fort Edward & remained with me in the service during the retreat under command of General Schuyler and advance of General Gates to Benis's Heights at Saratoga, the length of this last named tour was at least twelve weeks. The said John Shannon marched with me in the fall of the year 1779 to Stone Arabia where we were on duty about or not less than three weeks and also to Fort Plain in the summer of the year 1778 or '79 where we were in service four weeks.

He also marched with me two or three different times to Schoharie the particulars of which I cannot clearly specify, yet know that the length of these tours in the aggregate exceeded three weeks. He was also out in several short tours and with scouting parties for a few days each time, which it is out of my power to specify. (Signed) Corn. L. VanSantvoord.

On this second day of August 1838, personally appeared before me the undersigned, Cornelius L. VanSantvoord above named to me well known, who made oath, that the facts set forth in the foregoing deposition, by him signed. Cornelius L. VanSantvoord is a credible witness. John H. VanEps, Justice of the Peace