

Pension Application for Tunis or Teunis VanAsdal

W.16767 (Widow: Jane) Tunis died April 4, 1813.

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this twenty fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty six personally appeared before the undersigned one of the Judges of the court of common Pleas of the County of Orange aforesaid Jane VanAsdal a resident of the Town of Montgomery County of Orange & Sate of New York; aged eighty eight years on the thirty first day of January last past who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of Tunis VanAsdal late of the Town of Montgomery aforesaid, who was an Ensign in a Company of Militia of the County of Ulster & State of New York of which Hendricus VanKeuren was Captain which said company was attached to Colonel McClaughry's regiment.

That during the year 1776 as she has been informed & believes the said Teunis VanAsdal belonged in said company & was an Orderly Sergeant therein at fort Montgomery in Orange County aforesaid, but this deponent is unable to State the length of time which he was engaged in said tour of service. That in the said year 1776 said Teunis was also in the service in the aforesaid company as a sergeant in the State of New Jersey.

That in the year 1777 said Teunis was again with his said company at Fort Montgomery aforesaid & was in the battle at said Fort on the sixth day of October in that year. That Robert Monell who was a lieutenant in said Company was killed in said battle, that the ensign in said company was promoted on the death of said Monell to be the lieutenant thereof and the said Teunis was appointed an Ensign in said company but did not receive his commission as such Ensign until the month of June then next.

That in the year 1778 or 1779 the said Teunis was in the service as an Ensign in said company at Peenpack in Orange county but how long the said Teunis served in each term of service this deponent is unable to state. This is commission as ensign is hereto annexed & that she has no other documentary evidence of his service.

She further declares that she was married to the said Teunis VanAsdal on the thirty first day of January in the year 1771 by the Rev. Mr. Blair a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Walkill in said County of Orange. That her said husband the said Teunis died on the ninth day of April in the year 1813. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

That she must rely solely on the proof of other persons as to the several terms of service performed by her said husband & the length of time he was engaged in each term, but that she knows of her own knowledge that he was often absent from his home on such service for for a considerable length of time at each term but from her age & loss of memory she is unable to state more definitely the several periods of his

service. And that he is the identical person named in the commission hereto annexed. And that from her age & debility she feels herself wholly unable to attend the sittings of the Court of Record of the County of orange. And she further declares that the name of her said husband was often spelled Tunis VanAndal instead of Teunis VanAsdel by his neighbours & acquaintances. And that he was commonly called in the neighbourhood where he resided VanArsdal instead of VanAsdal. (Signed with her mark) Jane VanAsdal

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before me. Jas. G. Clinton, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Oorange.