

Pension Application for Joseph VanCleeve

W.211 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married March 5, 1787. Joseph died March 24, 1837.

Declaration.

State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS

On this thirty first day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Inferior court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Bergen now sitting, Joseph VanCleeve a resident of Franklin Township in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born at Clarkstown in that part of Orange County now called Rockland in the State of New York on the second day of March 1765. That he resides at Clarkstown and entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1781, at which time he enlisted under Captain Thompson, thinks his name was Andrew Thompson for the term of four months and understood at the time of his enlistment that he was to be marched to Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk River but in his joining the regiment at Fishkill, for causes to him unknown his company was marched to Tappan near the Hudson River, at which place he served the greater portion of the time for which he was enlisted.

That he was one of a party detached from said company and marched to Hampsted and stationed there as a guard about one month and from thence he was marched back to Tappan where he remained until the time of his enlistment expired.

That he performed two months service under Capt Bone also stationed at Tappan, near the Hudson River. That he has no recollection of any Field officers being stationed at Tappan during either of the stated services above mentioned. That he has no recollection of having received any written or printed discharge. That he has no documentary evidence and the only person whose testimony he can prove at present to testify to his services is Henry Cooper – who was a fellow soldier in the four months service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any of the United States. (Signed) Joseph VanCleeve

Sworn to, and subscribed, in open Court, the day and yea first aforesaid. Abr. Westervelt, Clerk