

Pension Application for Lawrence VanClief or VanCleef

S.42583

State of New York

Seneca County SS.

On this second day of November one thousand eight hundred and nineteen before me the subscriber first Judge of Seneca County personally appears Lawrence Van Clief aged sixty three years resident in the town of Junius in said County who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision under the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

That the said Lawrence VanClief entered in the city of Albany in the state of New York into the Continental army in the third Regiment of New York line under Col. James Clinton and in Captain Daniel Denton's company was in Canada at the siege of Quebec under Gen. Montgomery was in the service in said Regiment about one year and was discharged in Albany aforesaid—afterwards enlisted into the third regiment of the New York line of Continental troops in Capt. Thomas Dewitt's Company and Col. Peter Gansevoorts regiment and served during the war upwards of five years and was discharged at Snake Hill in the State of New York, and that he is in reduced circumstances, and needs the assistance of his country for support. That he obtained honorable discharges from the service of the United States and that they were accidentally burnt. (Signed with his mark) Lawrence Van Clief

Sworn and subscribed before me 2d day of Nov. 1819. John McLean. Judge Seneca County, state of New York.

Letter in folder dated August 13, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Lawrence Cleef who served from New York in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.42583, based upon service of Lawrence VanClief, or VanCleef in the Revolutionary War.

Lawrence VanClief (his name shown VanCleef also) enlisted in Albany, New York sometime in 1775 and served one year as private in captain Daniel Denton's company, Colonel James Clinton's 3rd New York regiment, during which he was in the expedition to Quebec and in the Siege there with the troops under General Montgomery. He reenlisted, served as private in captain Thomas Dewitt's company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's 3rd New York regiment, served also in the 1st New York regiment and was discharged at Snake Hill, New York. His entire service amounted to at least five years.

It was sated that while in service, he passed through the place which was later designated Seneca Falls, and marked that place for his future residence, and that soon after the termination of the war, he moved there.

Lawrence Van Clief was allowed pension on his application executed November 2, 1819, at which time he resided in Junius, Seneca County, New York. He gave his age then as sixty-three years, but did not state the date and place of his birth nor the names of his parents. He died in February 1830.

The soldier married in Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, the name of his wife and her age were not given. She died in April 1816.

Lawrence VanClief had children, some of whom were living in 1854. The only name designated was that of Mary, the oldest, who was born April 29, 1776. In 1854, she was Mrs. Mary Chambers, the names of her husband not shown. There are no further family data.