

Pension Application for Cornelius Vanderbilt

R.10838 (Widow: Catharine) Married 24 December 1781. Cornelius died 1824.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty first day of November in the year 1837, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, Catharine Vanderbilt widow of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt deceased, a resident of the town of Clarkstown in said county, aged seventy four 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 the 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Cornelius Vanderbilt who was a Private during the Revolutionary War, and served in a company whereof Hendrick Tenure was Capt in Col'n A. Hawkes Hay's Regiment.

That in the early part of the month of July in the year 1776, the British having sailed up the Hudson river and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bays, among others, the said Capt was ordered out with his company to guard along the said river in order to prevent the enemy landing to plunder and distress the Inhabitant[s] and that the said Cornelius with others did attend to said call, and after meeting at Clarkstown (a small Village in said town) was marched to the said River at Nyack, and there remained guarding at different stations (a day or two at a time excepted, when permitted to go home) until late in the month of November when the British sailed to New York and that the said Cornelius did serve, not less than three months and a half.

That in the following winter or early in the Spring in the year 1777, Capt Tenure's company was put into classes of four men in each in order that guards might be kept during the season that it should be judged necessary to consist of the one fourth part of the militia to serve in weekly tours, and the same Cornelius being classed with others, did serve one week in each and every four weeks, from early in the spring until the first of November, a guarding at some station along the said river between Sneden's Landing and stony Point, or at Haverstraw, the Long of Short Clove, at Clarkstown [?] town, Manwit Tappan town, or in the State of New Jersey, on scouting parties to Closter Schralenburgh, Liberty pole, and as far below [paper curled] and served not less than one month and three weeks in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That on the first day of November, in the said year, her said husband enlisted for three months, at Clarkstown, in a Company whereof Robert Johnson was Capt in said Coln Hay's Regiment, and was marched to different stations, to Closter to Bergen Woods, to the liberty pole to Tappan Town and to Haverstraw, and was verbally discharged on the first of February 1778 having served his full term of three months.

That early in the spring of the year 1778 her said husband was again called out to serve his tours of duty agreeable to the Classification as aforesaid, and served under the said Capt Tenure, or some one of his under officers, from the first of April until the latter part of December, serving not less than the one fourth of the time, in

weekly tours, serving no less than one week in each and every four weeks, serving at different stations, as from time was considered the most important as is set forth in the services by him performed, in the year 1777, in the said company, and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1779, her said husband served in the said company at stations and duty as aforesaid, and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1780, her said husband served in the said Company, at stations and at duty as aforesaid, and served not less than two months, in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1781, her said husband, served, at duty and stations as aforesaid, and served not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1782, her then husband was ordered out to guard along the Hudson River at Nyack, on the latter part of April or the first of May and was out a guarding at different stations along the said river, and was out at least one week in each and every four weeks, until sometime in the month of September, after which time the services her husband did perform was not as regular as those previous, and that he was absent from home and as he informed her on duty at stations as a aforesaid and served not less than one month in weekly tours.

That as to the services of her said husband, by her above set forth she did receive the information thereof from her said husband, after their marriage, who also informed her that during the whole of the Revolutionary War, his duty was almost one continued duty, for when he was relieved from his duty as a guard serving his tours of duty, he was obliged to attend to alarms and spent the greatest part of his time out, during the years 1777, 1778 & 1779, which duty she is unable to set forth.

That she has not any documentary evidence to support her claim for the services above set forth, and the annexed testimony is all she now can offer to support the same.

She further declares that she was married to the said Cornelius Vandervilt, by the Rev'd Samuel Verbryck on the twenty fourth or the twenty sixth day of December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one, she has forgotten weather [whether] it was the day previous or the day after Christmas, and has no record thereof; that her husband the said Cornelius Vanderbilt died on the Seventh day of Nov'r in the year eighteen hundred and twenty four, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Catharine Vandebilt.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and yea above written in open court.
Abraham Hogenkamp, Clerk of Court